

Subject Permanent Absentee Voter List

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Overview

This bill authorizes voters to request to join a permanent absentee voter list and automatically receive an absentee ballot prior to each election. Under current law, voters who have requested permanent absentee status are automatically provided an absentee ballot *application* prior to each election, but are not automatically provided a live ballot.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Form.</p> <p>Updates the content requirements for the voter registration application to include a box for an applicant to indicate their preference to join the permanent absentee voter list.</p>
2	<p>Permanent absentee voter status.</p> <p>Modifies the existing process that allows a voter to request that an absentee ballot application be sent automatically prior to each election. Instead of the application, this section would allow a voter to request that the absentee ballot itself be sent automatically prior to each election, without the need for an additional application. This authorization would not apply to voters residing in a jurisdiction that conducts elections entirely by mail.</p>
3	<p>Printing and delivery of forms.</p> <p>Eliminates existing language setting a timeline for the delivery of absentee ballot applications prior to an election to those voters who request automatic delivery. These changes conform to the changes in this bill providing for the automatic delivery of an absentee ballot, rather than an application, prior to each election.</p>
4	<p>Delivery of ballots.</p> <p>Establishes timelines for the delivery of absentee ballots to voters who request automatic delivery. The ballots must be mailed at least 45 days prior to a federal,</p>

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	state, county, city, or school board election. For town elections held in March, ballots must be mailed at least 30 days prior to the election.
5	Duties of ballot board; absentee ballots. Provides a conforming reference in the law governing absentee ballot board procedures to reflect the permanent absentee ballot authorization established by this bill.
6	Effective date. Provides a July 1, 2024, effective date for the bill, with application to elections conducted on or after that date.



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