

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 4 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Beyer, Ferrioli, Starr, Rosenbaum

Nays: 0

Exc.: Burdick

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Meeting Dates: 2/27, 3/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Revises statutory provisions relating to ballots to align terminology with current vote-by-mail practice. Replaces “long term absent” terminology with specific reference to military or overseas electors. Repeals certain statutory provisions rendered obsolete by vote-by-mail system. Specifies that provisions apply to ballots for elections held on or after effective date of Act. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Update of terminology no longer relevant in vote-by-mail system
- Overseas and military electors terminology
- Intention of changes contemplated in measure
- Amendment

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Restores current statutory language pertaining to information supplied on absent elector application for ballot.

BACKGROUND: Senate Bill 149A updates state election law by adding language specific to military or overseas electors, identifying the *type* of elector rather than focusing on the length of an elector’s absence from the state. In addition, SB 149A repeals statutory provisions that are obsolete because they refer to distinctions and procedures that no longer exist with the vote-by-mail system.