

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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Action: Do Pass

Vote: 9 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Barnhart, Berger, Dembrow, Hicks, Holvey, Hoyle, Jenson, Kennemer, Garrett

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 6/13

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Revises ballot statutes consistent with current vote-by-mail practice. Replaces “long term absent” with reference to military or overseas electors. Deletes obsolete language. Applies 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

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** Senate Bill 149-A updates state election law to conform to current practice 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. Senate Bill 149-A also removes obsolete provisions that refer to distinctions and procedures that no longer exist with the vote-by-mail system.