
OLR Bill Analysis

HB 7241

AN ACT CONCERNING ABSENTEE VOTING FOR ALL.

SUMMARY

This bill authorizes eligible voters who will not appear at their designated polling place on the day of an election, primary, or referendum to apply for and cast an absentee ballot.

Under current law, in order to apply for and cast an absentee ballot, a voter must be unable to appear at his or her designated polling place on election day due to (1) active service in the U.S. armed forces; (2) absence from their city or town; (3) sickness or physical disability; (4) their religious beliefs prohibiting secular activity on that day; or (5) service as a primary, election, or referendum official at a polling place other than his or her own during all voting hours. The bill eliminates these requirements.

The bill also eliminates prohibitions on (1) misrepresenting the absentee balloting eligibility requirements to any elector or prospective applicant and (2) campaign committees and their agents from mailing unsolicited applications without certain disclaimers.

The bill also makes several other conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/26/2025)