

This bill would allow absentee voting to be changed for the 2020 state election by 1. allowing eligible electors to vote by absentee ballot due to the COVID-19 sickness; 2. giving the secretary of the state authority to change absentee voting forms and materials to conform to the expanded authorization; 3. authorizing the secretary of the state to select a third-party vendor for use by town clerks in mailing absentee voting sets; 4. requiring town clerks to designate, and authorizing absentee voters to return absentee ballots to, drop boxes; 5. authorizing the secretary of the state to waive mandatory supervised absentee voting requirements; and 6. extending certain deadlines and timeframes associated with processing absentee ballots and canvassing and reporting election returns, generally by 48 hours.

I support including COVID19 as an eligible reason for voting absentee.

I DO NOT support the provisions articulated in numbers 2-5 above. The provisions ass unneeded taxpayer borne expenses and raise serious issues as to the security of the ballots cast. This will affect the integrity of the voting process and should not be supported.

I urge the legislators to reject the additional provisions in this bill and, with the exception of adding COVID19 as an eligible reason for voting absentee, I urge you to strike these provisions prior to the passage of this bill.

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