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An Act To Encourage a Vote-by-Mail System in Maine

Reference to the Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative GLYNN of South Portland.
Cosponsored by President EDMONDS of Cumberland.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

2 **Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §698, sub-§2-A**, as amended by PL 2003, c.
4 447, §23, is further amended to read:

6 **2-A. Used ballots placed in tamper-proof containers.** The
8 election clerks shall place the used state ballots, including
spoiled ballots, defective ballots, void ballots, used absentee
10 ballots, used absentee envelopes ~~with the applicable applications~~
~~attached~~, envelopes containing challenge certificates, and the
official tally tape from the electronic tabulating system in one
12 or more tamper-proof ballot containers. The ballot containers
must be furnished by the Secretary of State. Ballots and
14 election materials for municipal elections conducted at the same
time as a state election must be sealed separately from state
16 ballots and other state election materials. If municipalities
wish to use tamper-proof containers to seal municipal election
18 materials, they must obtain the containers and locks at their own
expense.

20 If a state-supplied tamper-proof container or lock becomes
22 defective, lost or destroyed, the clerk must apply in writing to
the Secretary of State for another. The Secretary of State shall
24 supply or approve a replacement at the expense of the
municipality.

26 A tamper-proof ballot container must be locked and sealed with a
28 numbered seal before leaving the precinct. The lock and seal
numbers must correlate with a certificate identifying the person
30 sealing the container and the time of the sealing. The locks,
seals and identifying certificates must be furnished by the
32 Secretary of State.

34 A. Transfer and resealing of the ballots to other
containers for permanent storage must be done 60 or more
36 days following the election. The municipal clerk shall make
the transfer in the presence of one or more witnesses. The
38 containers must be securely sealed.

40 **Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §698, sub-§5**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 584,
§10, is further amended to read:

42 **5. Two or more voting districts.** In municipalities having
44 2 or more voting districts where absentee ballots are counted at
a place other than the voting district, all absentee ballots,
46 ~~applications~~ and envelopes may be packed together in the same
container, which shall must then be sealed publicly.

48 A. The portions of subsections 2-A and 2-B that deal with
50 absentee ballots do not apply to municipalities with 2 or

2 more voting districts where absentee ballots are counted
separately.

4 **Sec. 3. 21-A MRSA §753-A**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 447,
§§28 and 29, is repealed.

6 **Sec. 4. 21-A MRSA §753-B**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 447, §§30
8 and 31, is further amended to read:

10 **§753-B. Procedure for issuing absentee ballot**

12 **1. Mail delivery; 30 days prior to election.** ~~Upon receipt~~
14 ~~of an application, written request or telephone application for~~
~~an absentee ballot that is accepted pursuant to section 753-A,~~
the The clerk shall immediately issue an absentee ballot and
16 return envelope by mail ~~or in person to the applicant or to the~~
~~immediate family member or to a 3rd person designated in a~~
18 ~~written application or request made by the voter~~ to each
registered voter 30 days prior to an election. The clerk shall
20 verify the address of each registered voter prior to mailing out
absentee ballots as prescribed by rule. The clerk shall type or
22 write in ink the name and the residence address of the voter in
the designated section of the return envelope. The Secretary of
24 State shall provide a return envelope that moves free of postage
under federal law. A voter who registers to vote after ballots
26 have been mailed may request a ballot be sent by mail or may
receive a ballot in person at the municipal clerk's office. The
28 Secretary of State shall adopt rules to implement this
subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are
30 routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375,
subchapter 2-A.

32 **1-A. Request for ballot; ballot not delivered by mail.** A
34 person who is a registered voter but did not receive an absentee
ballot and return envelope as required under this section or is a
36 uniformed service voter or an overseas voter may:

38 A. Make a written request by mail, in person or facsimile.
Such a request must include:

40 (1) The voter's name and birth date;

42 (2) The voter's residence address or other address
44 sufficient to identify the voter; and

46 (3) The signature of the voter; or

48 B. Make a telephone request. The clerk shall ask the voter
50 for the information required in paragraph A, with the
exception of the voter's signature. The clerk shall verify

2 that it is the voter who is requesting the ballot by
3 confirming the voter's residence address and birth date with
4 the information in the voter's record.

6 ~~2. --- Restrictions on issuing ballot. --- The clerk may not~~
7 ~~deliver an absentee ballot to any 3rd person who is a candidate~~
8 ~~or a member of a candidate's immediate family. --- The clerk may not~~
9 ~~deliver to an immediate family member or to a 3rd person any~~
10 ~~absentee ballot requested by telephone. --- The clerk may not issue~~
11 ~~more than 5 absentee ballots to any 3rd person designated in~~
12 ~~applications or written requests at any time.~~

14 ~~3. --- Return of ballot by 3rd person. --- A 3rd person shall,~~
15 ~~unless good cause is shown, return an absentee ballot to the~~
16 ~~clerk's office within 2 business days of the date that ballot was~~
17 ~~provided to the 3rd person or by the close of the polls on~~
18 ~~election day, whichever is earlier. --- The clerk shall inform the~~
19 ~~3rd person of the deadline for the return of the ballot.~~

20 **4. Duplicate ballots.** The clerk may issue a 2nd state
21 absentee ballot to an applicant a voter if the applicant voter
22 requests one by an acceptable method outlined in this subchapter
23 and+ the voter states good cause, including, but not limited to,
24 loss of, spoiling of or damage to the first absentee ballot.

26 ~~A. --- The applicant states good cause, including, but not~~
27 ~~limited to, loss of, spoiling of or damage to the first~~
28 ~~absentee ballot; or~~

30 ~~B. --- An absentee ballot for the applicant that was furnished~~
31 ~~to a designated 3rd person was not returned to the clerk's~~
32 ~~office within the time limit provided in subsection 3. --- If a~~
33 ~~ballot for an applicant is not returned to the clerk within~~
34 ~~that time limit, the clerk shall mail or hand deliver a~~
35 ~~ballot to that applicant and may not issue another ballot to~~
36 ~~the applicant except for good cause as provided in this~~
37 ~~subsection. --- This paragraph does not affect the deadline for~~
38 ~~delivery of absentee ballots under section 755.~~

40 The clerk may also issue a 2nd state absentee ballot to a voter
41 from whom the clerk has received a return envelope apparently
42 containing a state absentee ballot when the State has provided
43 the clerk with replacement ballots to reflect the removal of a
44 candidate's name or the addition of a new candidate's name or the
45 correction of an error. When a 2nd state absentee ballot is
46 issued to a voter under this section, the clerk must write the
47 words "second ballot issued" on the return envelope.
48

2 **5. Alternate method of balloting by residents of certain**
3 **licensed facilities.** The municipal clerk shall designate one or
4 more times during the 30-day period prior to an election during
5 which the municipal clerk shall be present in each licensed
6 nursing home subject to the provisions of Title 22, chapter 405;
7 licensed residential care facility subject to the provisions of
8 Title 22, chapter 1664; and assisted housing program subject to
9 the provisions of Title 22, chapter 1664, in the municipality for
10 the purpose of conducting absentee voting by residents of these
11 facilities. The licensed residential care facilities referred to
12 in this subsection are those that are licensed as Level II
13 facilities. The clerk shall designate which areas in these
14 facilities constitute the voting place, the voting booth and the
15 guardrail enclosure. Sections 681 and 682 apply to voting in
16 these facilities within the areas designated by the clerk.

17 **6. Clerk to list.** The clerk shall keep an alphabetical
18 list, by district, of the persons who ~~requested or~~ were furnished
19 absentee ballots, including the persons who voted in the presence
20 of the clerk under subsection 8 ~~and the persons whose ballots~~
21 ~~were issued to a 3rd person under subsection 1.~~ The clerk shall
22 maintain a copy of the lists required under this subsection for a
23 period of 2 years as a public record.

24 A. The list of absentee voters must include each voter's
25 name, residence address, voting district and party
26 affiliation; the date and manner by which the ballot was
27 ~~requested,~~ issued and received; a notation of whether the
28 ~~application and the~~ ballot were was accepted or rejected;
29 and a place for the registrar to certify the voter
30 registration status of the absentee voters. The clerk must
31 also indicate on the list when the absentee voter is a
32 uniformed service voter or overseas voter.

33 B. The clerk shall submit this list of absentee voters to
34 the registrar for certification of the registration status
35 and, when applicable, the enrollment status of the voters.
36 The registrar shall certify the list either before or as
37 soon as possible after the ballot is issued to the voter.
38 The certifications must be completed before the absentee
39 ballots may be processed and cast on election day.

40 C. ~~The clerk shall also keep a list of the 3rd persons~~
41 ~~designated in applications or written requests to whom~~
42 ~~absentee ballots are sent or delivered under subsection 1~~
43 ~~and of the number of absentee ballots sent or delivered to~~
44 ~~them. This list of 3rd person ballot carriers must include~~
45 ~~telephone numbers for contacting the 3rd persons.~~

2 D. Within 20 days after each election, the clerk shall send
a report to the Secretary of State stating the total number
4 of absentee ballots issued to absentee voters in the
municipality for that election. The report must further
6 identify the number of ballots that were issued to uniformed
service voters and overseas voters, respectively. For each
8 category of absentee voters, the report must include the
number of ballots that were returned by the voters and were
processed and cast in the election.

10
12 **7. Registration verified.** If the applicant voter is
registered and enrolled when necessary, the ballot must be sent
14 to the applicant voter. If the applicant voter has registered
and enrolled when necessary under section 155 and will attain 18
16 years of age on or before the date of the election, the registrar
or clerk shall ~~se-certify on the application~~ send that person a
ballot and return envelope in accordance with subsection 1. If
18 ~~not, the registrar or clerk shall write "not registered" or "not~~
~~enrolled" on the face of the application and sign the registrar's~~
20 ~~or clerk's name. Whenever an application for an absentee ballot~~
~~is denied, the municipal clerk shall immediately notify the~~
22 ~~applicant in writing of the reason for the denial.~~

24 **8. Absentee voting in presence of clerk.** A person who
wishes to vote by absentee ballot may, ~~without completing an~~
26 ~~application,~~ vote by absentee ballot in the presence of the
clerk. The method of voting is otherwise as prescribed in this
28 article. After the person has voted, the clerk shall sign the
affidavit on the return envelope as a witness, indicate on the
30 envelope that the voter voted in the presence of a clerk and
ensure that the affidavit on the return envelope is properly
32 completed by the voter. For the ~~--45-~~ 30 days preceding an
election, during the hours when the clerk's office is open and
34 may be conducting absentee voting, the display or distribution of
any advertising material intended to influence a voter's decision
36 regarding a candidate or ballot issue is prohibited within the
clerk's office and on public property within 250 feet of the
38 entrance to the clerk's office.

40 This subsection does not apply to the display or distribution of
any campaign advertising material on private property that is
42 within 250 feet of the entrance to the clerk's office.

44 This subsection does not apply to campaign advertising material
on automobiles traveling to and from the municipal office or
46 parked on municipal property while the occupants are visiting the
municipal office to conduct municipal business. It does not
48 prohibit a person who is at the municipal office for the purpose
of conducting municipal business or for absentee voting from

wearing a campaign button when the longest dimension of the
button does not exceed 3 inches.

Sec. 5. 21-A MRSA §754-A, as amended by PL 1999, c. 645, §7,
is further amended to read:

§754-A. Method of voting

Except as provided in section 753-B, subsection 8, the
method of voting by absentee ballot is as follows.

1. Ballot delivered to voter. When a voter ~~or an immediate family member of a voter~~ obtains a ballot from the clerk in person or by mail and returns that ballot to the clerk in person or by mail and receives no assistance in marking the ballot, the following procedures apply.

A. The voter shall mark that ballot according to section 691 or 692 so that it is impossible for anyone present at the time to see how the voter voted.

B. While the voter is marking the ballot, there may be no communication between the voter and any other individual as to the person or question for which the voter is to vote.

C. After the voter has completed marking the ballot, the voter shall then seal the ballot in its return envelope and complete the affidavit on the envelope. No notary or witness certification is required.

D. The voter or an immediate family member of the voter shall then mail or deliver in person the sealed envelope containing the voted ballot to the clerk of the municipality of which the voter is a resident. ~~The voter shall send a completed voter registration or absentee ballot application, if necessary, in a separate envelope.~~

E. If an immediate family member of the voter returns an absentee ballot that was requested by the voter ~~or another immediate family member of the voter~~, in writing or in person, the clerk shall accept the ballot. The clerk shall have the immediate family member who returned the ballot sign the application or written request and shall indicate that the ballot was returned by that person.

2. ~~Ballot delivered by 3rd person or returned by 3rd person.~~ ~~When a ballot is delivered to the voter by a person other than the clerk or an immediate family member of the voter or is returned to the clerk by a person other than the voter, the~~

2 clerk-or-an-immediate-family-member-of-the-voter-and-the-voter
receives-no-assistance-in-marking-the-ballot,-the-following
procedures-apply.

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6 A.--The-voter-must-mark-the-ballot-in-the-presence-of-the
following-witness-or-witnesses:-One-notary-public,-clerk-of
8 a-municipality-or-clerk-of-courts-or-2-other-individuals.
The-voter,-before-marking-the-ballot,-must-show-it-to-the
10 witness-or-witnesses-who-must-examine-it-to-be-certain-it-is
unmarked.

12 B.--While-the-voter-is-marking-the-ballot,-there-may-be-no
communication-between-the-voter-and-any-other-individual-as
14 to-the-person-or-question-for-which-the-voter-is-to-vote.

16 C.--The-voter-must-mark-the-ballot-according-to-section-691
or-692-so-that-it-is-impossible-for-anyone-present-at-the
18 time-to-see-how-the-voter-voted.-The-voter-must-then-seal
the-ballot-in-its-return-envelope-and-complete-the-affidavit
20 on-the-envelope-in-the-presence-of-the-witness-or-witnesses,
who-shall-sign-the-witness-certification.

22 D.--The-voter-must-then-complete-the-address-on-the-envelope
24 and-mail-or-deliver-it-personally-or-by-the-3rd-person-who
was-designated-in-the-application-to-the-clerk-of-the
26 municipality-of-which-the-voter-is-a-resident.-The-voter
must-send-a-completed-voter-registration-or-absentee-ballot
28 application,-if-necessary,-in-a-separate-envelope.

30 **3. Assistance in reading or marking ballot.** A voter who is
unable to read or mark the ballot because of the voter's physical
32 disability, illiteracy or religious faith must vote according to
the procedures in this subsection instead of the procedures in
34 subsection 1 or 2.

36 A. A voter who needs assistance may request another person,
other than the voter's employer or agent of that employer or
38 officer or agent of the voter's union, to assist the voter
in reading or marking the ballot.

40 B. The voter or the aide must mark the ballot in the
42 presence of one of the following witnesses: Notary public,
clerk of a municipality, clerk of courts or another
44 individual.

46 C. The voter or the aide, before marking the ballot, must
show it to the witness who must examine it to be certain it
48 is unmarked.

2 D. While the voter or the aide is marking the ballot, there
may be no communication between the voter and any
4 individual, other than the aide who must mark the ballot as
the voter indicates, as to the person or question for which
the voter is to vote.

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8 E. The voter or the aide must mark the ballot according to
section 691 or 692 so that it is impossible for anyone else
10 present to see how the voter voted, then seal the ballot in
its return envelope. The voter, or the aide at the voter's
12 request, shall complete and sign the affidavit in the
presence of the witness, who shall sign the witness
14 certification. The aide must complete and sign the
certification for aides on the outside of the envelope.

16 F. The voter or the aide must then complete the address on
the envelope and mail or deliver it personally ~~ex-by-the-3rd~~
18 ~~person-who-was-designated-in-the-application~~ to the clerk of
the municipality of which the voter is a resident. The
20 voter must send a completed voter registration ~~ex-absentee~~
~~ballet-application, if necessary,~~ in a separate envelope.

22 **Sec. 6. 21-A MRSA §756**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 447, §§32
24 and 33, is further amended to read:

26 **§756. Procedure on receipt**

28 When the clerk receives a return envelope apparently
containing an absentee ballot, ~~he-~~ the clerk shall observe the
30 following procedures.

32 **1. Time of receipt noted.** ~~He-~~ The clerk shall note the
date and time of delivery on each return envelope. On request,
34 ~~he-~~ the clerk shall give the person who delivers the ballot a
receipt, stating the exact time of delivery.

36 **2. Clerk to examine affidavit.** ~~He--shall--compare--the~~
38 ~~signature-of-the-voter-on-the-application, where required, with~~
~~that-on-the-corresponding-return-envelope.~~ ~~He-~~ The clerk shall
40 examine the affidavit on the return envelope. ~~--If-the-signatures~~
~~appear-to-have-been-made-by-the-same-person~~ and if the affidavit
42 is properly completed, ~~he-~~ the clerk shall write "OK" and his
the clerk's initials on the return envelope. ~~Otherwise,--he~~
44 ~~shall-note-any-discrepancy-on-the-return-envelope.~~

46 The clerk may not open any return envelope.

48 ~~A.--If-the-signatures-do-not-appear-to-have-been-made-by-the~~
~~same-person,--but-this-discrepancy-is-apparently-the-result~~

2 of--the--voter's--having--properly--obtained--assistance--under
3 either--section--753-A,--subsection5,---or--section--754-A,
4 subsection--3,--or--both,--then--the--clerk--shall--note--the
5 discrepancy--on--the--return--envelope,--but--shall--also--write
6 "OK"--and--the--clerk's--initials--on--the--return--envelope.

7 **3.---Application--attached.---**The--clerk--shall--attach--each
8 application,--where--required,--to--the--corresponding--envelope.---He--
9 shall--not--open--any--return--envelope.

10 **5. Envelopes and lists delivered.** On election day, the
11 clerk shall deliver or have delivered the return envelopes
12 prescribed by section 752, subsection 3,--with--the--applications,
13 when--required,--attached and a copy of the list required by
14 section 753-B, subsection 6, to the warden of the voting district
15 in which the voter is registered, except in those municipalities
16 where the clerk or the clerk's designee processes the absentee
17 ballots centrally. In those municipalities where the absentee
18 ballots are processed centrally, the clerk shall deliver or have
19 delivered the materials described in this subsection to the
20 person authorized by the clerk to process absentee ballots at the
21 designated central location. After processing the absentee
22 ballots, the warden or the clerk shall attach the copy of the
23 list of absentee voters to the incoming voting list and seal it
24 as provided in section 698.

25 **6. Procedure when duplicate envelopes received from same**
26 **voter.** If more than one return envelope is received from the
27 same voter who was authorized to receive a 2nd state absentee
28 ballot pursuant to section 753-B, then the clerk or warden shall
29 process and count the ballot from the envelope marked "second
30 ballot issued" or bearing the latest date and time and shall
31 reject and keep sealed the first absentee envelope. If more than
32 one return envelope is received from the same voter who was not
33 authorized to receive a 2nd state absentee ballot pursuant to
34 section 753-B, then the clerk or warden shall process and count
35 the ballot from the envelope bearing the earliest date and time.
36 If only one return envelope is received from a voter who was
37 authorized to receive a 2nd state absentee ballot pursuant to
38 section 753-B, then the clerk or warden shall process and count
39 that ballot for all offices or questions for which the voter was
40 entitled to vote.
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42 **Sec. 7. 21-A MRSA §759, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 1995, c. 459,
43 §76, is further amended to read:
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45 **1. Warden to review notes of clerk.** Unless a request to
46 inspect applications--and envelopes is made pursuant to subsection
47 8, the warden shall review the notes of the clerk on each return
48 envelope according to the schedule posted under subsection 7.
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2 **Sec. 8. 21-A MRSA §759, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 459,
§77, is further amended to read:

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6 **2. Accepted if correct.** If the warden finds that the
affidavit is properly completed, ~~that the clerk has verified that~~
7 ~~the signature on the envelope matches the signature on the~~
8 ~~application where applicable,~~ and that the person is registered
and enrolled where necessary, the warden shall then examine the
10 incoming voting list to determine whether the voter voted in
person at the election. The warden shall then announce the name
12 of each absentee voter who has not voted at the election and
remove each ballot from its envelope without destroying the
14 envelope or unfolding the ballot. After having an election clerk
from a political party different from that of the warden mark the
16 letters "AV" beside the name of each absentee voter on the
incoming voting lists, the warden shall accept the ballot.

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20 **Sec. 9. 21-A MRSA §759, sub-§3, ¶A**, as amended by PL 1999, c.
645, §9, is repealed.

22 **Sec. 10. 21-A MRSA §759, sub-§8**, as repealed and replaced by
PL 1999, c. 645, §10, is amended to read:

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26 **8. Inspection of absentee envelopes before processing.** If
a candidate or the candidate's representative notifies the clerk
before 5 p.m. on the day before election day that the candidate
28 or the candidate's representative wishes to inspect absentee
ballot ~~applications~~ and envelopes before they are processed, the
30 warden or clerk shall allow the candidate or representative to
inspect the ~~applications~~ and envelopes of ballots before they are
32 processed or for 30 minutes after the time specified in the
notice for processing on election day. The warden may
34 immediately proceed to process the ballots after the candidate or
representative has completed the review.

36
38 If the municipality processes absentee ballots only after the
polls close on election day, then the candidate or the
candidate's representative must notify the warden by 5 p.m. on
40 election day that the candidate or the candidate's representative
wishes to inspect absentee ballot ~~applications~~ and envelopes
42 after the polls close. The warden shall allow the candidate or
representative to inspect the ~~applications~~ and envelopes for 30
44 minutes after the polls close. The warden may immediately
proceed to process the ballots after the candidate or
46 representative has completed the review.

48 **Sec. 11. 21-A MRSA §760-A, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2001, c.
310, §57, is further amended to read:

2 **1. Envelopes retained.** The clerk shall retain possession
3 of return absentee envelopes ~~with--the--applications--attached,~~
4 ~~where--required,~~ and the list required by section 753-B,
5 subsection 6.

6 **Sec. 12. 21-A MRSA §762, first ¶,** as enacted by PL 1985, c.
7 161, §6, is amended to read:

8 An absentee ballot may not be rejected for any immaterial
9 irregularity in completing the ~~application-or~~ affidavit on the
10 return envelope. The following information must be on the
11 envelope for the ballot to be accepted:

12 **Sec. 13. 21-A MRSA §763,** as amended by PL 1999, c. 645, §11,
13 is further amended to read:

14 **§763. Return of election materials**

15 As soon as the ballots have been counted, the ~~applications,~~
16 ~~where--required,~~ absentee ballots, return envelopes, lists
17 required by sections 753-B and 756 and other election materials
18 must be repacked, in accordance with section 698, and returned to
19 the clerk. The clerk shall keep them in the clerk's office for
20 the time required by section 23.

21 **Sec. 14. 21-A MRSA §764,** as amended by PL 1997, c. 436, §115,
22 is further amended to read:

23 **§764. Envelopes as public records**

24 Absentee ballot ~~applications--and--absentee--ballot~~ return
25 envelopes are public records until the close of voting on
26 election day, or until the ballots have been processed on
27 election day, if the municipality processes absentee ballots
28 before 8:00 p.m. After that time, except as provided in section
29 759, subsection 8, the ~~applications--and~~ envelopes are not public
30 records and may be inspected only in accordance with this Title.

31 **Sec. 15. 21-A MRSA §780,** as repealed and replaced by PL 2003,
32 c. 407, §31, is amended to read:

33 **§780. Absentee ballots**

34 A uniformed service voter or an overseas voter may request
35 an absentee ballot as provided in section ~~753-A~~ 753-B, subsection
36 1-A or by submitting a federal application or form requesting an
37 absentee ballot. With respect to any election for federal
38 office, a clerk may not refuse to accept or process any otherwise

2 2. It requires municipal clerks to mail ballots and return
2 envelopes to registered voters 30 days before an election;

4 3. It requires the municipal clerk to verify the addresses
4 of registered voters prior to mailing out ballots as provided in
6 rules;

8 4. It allows persons who register after absentee ballots
8 were mailed out to request a ballot by mail or receive one in
10 person from the municipal clerk;

12 5. It provides a process for requesting an absentee ballot
12 if that person was not automatically mailed one by the clerk or
14 if that person is a uniformed service voter or an overseas voter;
16 and

18 6. It repeals provisions that allow 3rd-party or immediate
18 family participation in voting by absentee ballot.