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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 617, L.D. 1694, Bill, "An Act to Clarify the Election Laws."

Amend said Bill by inserting after section 1 the following new sections:

"Sec. 1-A. R.S., c. 3-A, §1, amended. The 4th paragraph of section 1 of chapter 3-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 360 of the public laws of 1961, which relates to the definition of "armed forces", is repealed.

Sec. 1-B. R. S., c. 3-A, §1, amended. The 18th paragraph of section 1 of chapter 3-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 360 of the public laws of 1961, which relates to the definition of "member of the armed forces", is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

' "Members of the armed forces" include the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, their spouses and dependents, members of the Merchant Marine of the United States, except those employed in the inland waterways, their spouses and dependents, civilian employees of the United States serving outside the territorial limits of the several states and the District of Columbia, whether or not paid from appropriated federal funds, and their spouses and dependents when accompanying them, and members of religious groups and welfare agencies serving with or accompanying the armed forces and their spouses and dependents.'"

Further amend said Bill by inserting after section 3 a new section, to read as follows:

"Sec. 3-A. R. S., c. 3-A, §59, sub-§I, additional. Section 59 of chapter 3-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 360 of the public laws of 1961, is amended by adding a new subsection I, to read as follows:

'I. Exception. In municipalities of 2,500 or less population the publication by the registrar of his time schedule shall be discretionary, rather than compulsory.'"

Further amend said Bill by inserting after section 8 a new section to read as follows:

"Sec. 8-A. R. S., c. 3-A, §144, amended. Section 144 of chapter 3-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 360 of the public laws of 1961, is amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 144. Deadline on receipt of absentee ballots. In order to be valid, an absentee ballot must be delivered to the clerk before ± 3 P. M. on election day in a municipality having more than one voting district. In other municipalities, it must be delivered to the clerk before 5 P. M. on election day.

I. Received after deadline. An absentee ballot received by the clerk after the deadline must be kept by the clerk unopened. He shall write "Received after deadline" on it and keep it segregated from the other ballots, unopened.'"

Further amend said Bill by inserting after section 10 a new section to read as follows:

"Sec. 10-A. R. S., c. 3-A, §152, repealed and replaced. Section 152 of chapter 3-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 360 of the public laws of 1961, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

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'Sec. 152. Application of law. Sections 153 to 163 apply to members of the armed forces as defined in section 1.'"

Further amend said Bill by inserting after section 11, a new section to read as follows:

"Sec. 11-A. R. S., c. 3-A, §173, sub-§I, amended. Subsection I of section 173 of chapter 3-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 360 of the public laws of 1961, is amended to read as follows:

'I. Exception. The treasurer of a municipal committee need shall not file campaign reports with the Secretary of State, but the amounts of money received and spent, and the liabilities incurred by his committee must shall be included-in-the reports-of-the-proper-county-committee filed with the treasurer of the county committee, who shall forward such reports with the county committee report to the Secretary of State.'"

Reported by the Committee on ELECTION LAWS.

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