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SENATE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 215, L.D. 305, Bill, "An Act Relating to Applications for and Marking of Absentee Ballots."

Amend said Bill in the Title by striking out the words "and Marking of"

Further amend said Bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 1. R.S., T. 21, §1, sub-§1, amended. Subsection 1 of section 1 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

1. Absentee voter. "Absentee voter" means a person who is unable to cast his ballot in the municipality in which he is registered to vote, for one of the following reasons: Absence from the municipality during the time the polls are open on election day; physical incapacity not adversely affecting his soundness of mind; religious belief which prohibits his doing so; ~~and-unreasonable distance-from-the-polls,-if-he-is-a-resident-of-a-township.~~ A person who is serving a sentence in a jail or penal institution is not an absentee voter.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 21, §1253, sub-§1, repealed and replaced. Subsection 1 of section 1253 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

1. Applications available. On the oral or written request of any registered voter, the clerk of the municipality in which said voter is registered, shall furnish a ballot application to said person on which said clerk shall first plainly write in ink the name of said applicant in full.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 21, §1253, sub-§2, amended. The first sentence of subsection 2 of section 1253 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

On receipt of a completed application or a request for an absentee ballot signed by the applicant, the clerk shall ~~send-or-deliver~~ mail or issue an absentee ballot and return envelope forthwith to him or to a 3rd person designated in the application or request. Requests for absentee ballots may be honored only by the town or city clerk in the municipality involved.'

Proposed by Senator FERGUSON of Oxford.

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