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7 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " $\mathcal{H}$  " to H.P. 1600, L.D. 2189, 8 Bill, "AN ACT to Amend the Laws Governing Absentee 9 Balloting."

Amend the bill in that part designated "§755." in the first paragraph in the 3rd line (page 2, line 3 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "regular election" and inserting in its place the following: 'statewide regular election and any election for federal or state office'

## STATEMENT OF FACT

17 This amendment requires the municipal clerk to 18 open the clerk's office for absentee voters on the 19 Saturday immediately before every statewide regular election and every election for federal or state 20 Statewide regular elections are those 21 office. 22 elections in which the whole State, rather than just a 23 municipality or district, votes. Primaries are 24 therefore included. Elections for federal or state office may include only a district, but the office needs to be open to provide the opportunity for absentee voters to vote for a state or federal candidate, such as State Senator or Representative, or 25 26 27 28 29 United States Senator or Representative.

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