SENATE BILL NO. 285

March 24, 2021, Introduced by Senators THEIS, LASATA, HORN, STAMAS, ZORN, BIZON, BARRETT, VICTORY, DALEY, OUTMAN, LAUWERS and VANDERWALL and referred to the Committee on Elections.

A bill to amend 1954 PA 116, entitled "Michigan election law,"
by amending sections 759, 759a, 759b, and 761 (MCL 168.759, 168.759a, 168.759b, and 168.761), sections 759 and 761 as amended by 2020 PA 302 and section 759a as amended by 2012 PA 523.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

Sec. 759. (1) Subject to section 761(3), at any time during
the 75 days before a primary or special primary, but not later than
8 p.m. on the day of a primary or special primary, an elector may apply for an absent voter ballot. The elector shall apply in person or by mail with the clerk of the township or city in which the elector is registered. The clerk of a city or township shall not send by first-class mail an absent voter ballot to an elector after 5 p.m. on the Friday immediately before the election. Except as otherwise provided in section 761(2), the clerk of a city or township shall not issue an absent voter ballot to a registered elector in that city or township after 4 p.m. on the day before the election. An application received before a primary or special primary may be for either that primary only, or for that primary and the election that follows. An individual may submit a voter registration application and an absent voter ballot application at the same time if applying in person with the clerk or deputy clerk of the city or township in which the individual resides. Immediately after his or her voter registration application and absent voter ballot application are approved by the clerk or deputy clerk, the individual may, subject to the identification requirement in section 761(6), complete an absent voter ballot at the clerk’s office.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (1) and subject to section 761(3), at any time during the 75 days before an election, but not later than 8 p.m. on the day of an election, an elector may apply for an absent voter ballot. The elector shall apply in person or by mail with the clerk of the township, city, or village in which the voter is registered. The clerk of a city or township shall not send by first-class mail an absent voter ballot to an elector after 5 p.m. on the Friday immediately before the election. Except as otherwise provided in section 761(2), the clerk
of a city or township shall not issue an absent voter ballot to a
registered elector in that city or township after 4 p.m. on the day
before the election. An individual may submit a voter registration
application and an absent voter ballot application at the same time
if applying in person with the clerk or deputy clerk of the city or
township in which the individual resides. Immediately after his or
her voter registration application and absent voter ballot
application are approved by the clerk, the individual may, subject
to the identification requirement in section 761(6), complete an
absent voter ballot at the clerk's office.

(3) An application for an absent voter ballot under this
section may be made in any of the following ways:
(a) By a written request signed by the voter.
(b) On an absent voter ballot application form provided for
that purpose by the clerk of the city or township.
(c) On a federal postcard application.

(4) An applicant for an absent voter ballot shall sign
the application. In addition, an applicant for an absent voter
ballot must either present an original or a copy of identification
for election purposes to the clerk of the city or township in which
the elector is registered or attach a copy of identification for
election purposes to his or her application. Subject to section
761(2), a clerk or assistant clerk shall not deliver an absent
voter ballot to an applicant who does not sign the application. A
person if an applicant does not present or attach identification
for election purposes as provided in this subsection, the clerk or
assistant clerk must issue the applicant a provisional absent voter
ballot that is processed according to section 523a(5). An
individual shall not be in possession of a signed absent voter
ballot application except for the applicant; a member of the applicant's immediate family; an individual residing in the applicant's household; an individual whose job normally includes the handling of mail, but only during the course of his or her employment; a registered elector requested by the applicant to return the application; or a clerk, assistant of the clerk, or other authorized election official. A registered elector who is requested by the applicant to return his or her absent voter ballot application shall sign the certificate on the absent voter ballot application.

(5) The clerk of a city or township shall have absent voter ballot application forms available in the clerk's office at all times and shall furnish an absent voter ballot application form to anyone upon a verbal or written request. The absent voter ballot application must be in substantially the following form:

"Application for absent voter ballot for:

[ ] The primary or special primary election to be held on ____________________ (Date).

[ ] The election to be held on ______ (Date).

(Check applicable election or elections)

I, .................................................., a United States citizen and a qualified and registered elector of the ............ precinct of the township of ............ or of the ............ ward of the city of .................................., in the county of ...................................... and state of Michigan, apply for an official ballot, or ballots, to be voted by me at the election or elections as requested in this application.

Send absent voter ballot to me at:

...........................................
(Street No. or R.R. or Designated Address)

.................................

(Post Office)      (State)      (Zip Code)

My registered address ........................................

(Street No. or R.R. or Participant
Identification Number)

.................................

(Post Office)      (State)      (Zip Code)

Date........................................................

I certify that I am a United States citizen and that
the statements in this absent voter ballot application
are true.

......................................................

(Signature)

WARNING

You must be a United States citizen to vote. If you are not a
United States citizen, you will not be issued an absent voter
ballot.

A person making a false statement in this absent voter ballot
application is guilty of a misdemeanor. It is a violation of
Michigan election law for a person other than those listed in the
instructions to return, offer to return, agree to return, or
solicit to return your absent voter ballot application to the
clerk. An assistant authorized by the clerk who receives absent
voter ballot applications at a location other than the clerk's
office must have credentials signed by the clerk. Ask to see his or
her credentials before entrusting your application with a person
claiming to have the clerk's authorization to return your
application.
Certificate of Authorized Registered
Elector Returning Absent Voter
Ballot Application

I certify that my name is .................................., my address is ................................., and my date of birth is ............; that I am delivering the absent voter ballot application of ................................ at his or her request; that I did not solicit or request to return the application; that I have not made any markings on the application; that I have not altered the application in any way; that I have not influenced the applicant; and that I am aware that a false statement in this certificate is a violation of Michigan election law.

__________________________
(Date)  (Signature)"

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS FOR ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS

Step 1. After completely filling out the application, sign and date the application in the place designated. Your signature must appear on the application or you may not receive an absent voter ballot. In addition, you must either present an original or a copy of identification for election purposes to the clerk of the city or township in which you are registered or attach a copy of identification for election purposes to the application. If you do not present or attach identification for election purposes, you will be issued a provisional absent voter ballot that is subject to verification and will not be tabulated on election day.

Step 2. Deliver the application by 1 of the following methods:
(a) Place the application in an envelope addressed to the appropriate clerk and place the necessary postage upon the return envelope and deposit it in the United States mail or with another public postal service, express mail service, parcel post service, or common carrier.

(b) Deliver the application personally to the clerk's office, to the clerk, or to an authorized assistant of the clerk.

(c) In either (a) or (b), a member of the immediate family of the voter including a father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandparent, or grandchild or a person residing in the voter's household may mail or deliver the application to the clerk for the applicant.

(d) If an applicant cannot return the application in any of the above methods, the applicant may select any registered elector to return the application. The person returning the application must sign and return the certificate at the bottom of the application.

(7) A person who prints and distributes absent voter ballot applications shall print on the application the warning, certificate of authorized registered elector returning absent voter ballot application, and instructions required by this section.

(8) A person who makes a false statement in an absent voter ballot application is guilty of a misdemeanor. A person who forges a signature on an absent voter ballot application is guilty of a felony. A person who is not authorized in this act and who both distributes absent voter ballot applications to absent voters and returns those absent voter ballot applications to a clerk or assistant of the clerk is
guilty of a misdemeanor.

(9) The absent voter ballot application of an elector who is a program participant, as that term is defined in section 3 of the address confidentiality program act, 2020 PA 301, MCL 780.853, is confidential and not subject to disclosure under the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246.

Sec. 759a. (1) An absent uniformed services voter or an overseas voter who is not registered, but possessed the qualifications of an elector under section 492, may apply for registration by using the federal postcard application. The department of state, bureau of elections, is responsible for disseminating information on the procedures for registering and voting to an absent uniformed services voter and an overseas voter.

(2) Upon the request of an absent uniformed services voter or an overseas voter, the clerk of a county, city, township, or village shall electronically transmit a blank voter registration application or blank absent voter ballot application to the voter. The clerk of a county, city, township, or village shall accept a completed voter registration application or completed absent voter ballot application electronically transmitted by an absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter. A voter registration application or absent voter ballot application submitted by an absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter shall contain the signature of the voter. In addition, an applicant for an absent voter ballot must attach a copy of identification for election purposes to his or her application. If an applicant transmits his or her completed absent voter ballot application electronically, a copy of his or her identification for election purposes may also be transmitted electronically.
(3) A spouse or dependent of an overseas voter who is a citizen of the United States, is accompanying that overseas voter, and is not a qualified and registered elector anywhere else in the United States, may apply for an absent voter ballot even though the spouse or dependent is not a qualified elector of a city or township of this state.

(4) An absent uniformed services voter or an overseas voter, whether or not registered to vote, may apply for an absent voter ballot. Upon receipt of an application for an absent voter ballot under this section that complies with this act, a county, city, village, or township clerk shall forward to the applicant the absent voter ballots requested, the forms necessary for registration, and instructions for completing the forms. If an applicant does not attach identification for election purposes to his or her application, the clerk must issue the applicant a provisional absent voter ballot that is processed according to section 523a(5). If the ballots are not yet available at the time of receipt of the application, the clerk shall immediately forward to the applicant the registration forms and instructions, and forward the ballots as soon as they are available. If a federal postcard application or an application from the official United States Department of Defense website is filed, the clerk shall accept the federal postcard application or the application from the official United States Department of Defense website as the registration application and shall not send any additional registration forms to the applicant. If the ballots and registration forms are received before the close of the polls on election day and if the registration complies with the requirements
of this act, the absent voter ballots shall be delivered to the proper election board to be tabulated. If the registration does not comply with the requirements of this act, the clerk shall retain the absent voter ballots until the expiration of the time that the voted ballots must be kept and shall then destroy the ballots without opening the envelope. The clerk may retain registration forms completed under this section in a separate file. The address in this state shown on a registration form is the residence of the registrant.

(5) **Not Subject to subsection (4), not** later than 45 days before an election, a county, city, township, or village clerk shall electronically transmit or mail as appropriate an absent voter ballot to each absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter who applied for an absent voter ballot 45 days or more before the election.

(6) Upon the request of an absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter, the clerk of a county, city, township, or village shall electronically transmit an absent voter ballot to the voter. The voter shall print the absent voter ballot and return the voted ballot by mail to the appropriate clerk.

(7) The secretary of state shall prescribe electronic absent voter ballot formats and electronic absent voter ballot transmission methods. Each county, city, township, or village clerk shall employ the prescribed electronic ballot formats to fulfill an absent voter ballot request received from an absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter who wishes to receive his or her absent voter ballot through an electronic transmission. The secretary of state shall establish procedures to implement the requirements in this section and for the processing of a marked
absent voter ballot returned by an absent uniformed services voter
or overseas voter who obtained his or her absent voter ballot
through an electronic transmission.

(8) The secretary of state shall modify the printed statement
provided under section 761(4) and the absent voter ballot
instructions provided under section 764a as appropriate to
accommodate the procedures developed for electronically
transmitting an absent voter ballot to an absent uniformed services
voter or overseas voter. A statement shall be included in the
certificate signed by the absent voter who obtained his or her
absent voter ballot through an electronic transmission that the
secrecy of the absent voter ballot may be compromised during the
duplication process. The absent voter ballot instructions provided
to an absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter shall include the proper procedures for returning the absent voter ballot
to the appropriate clerk.

(9) The size of a precinct not be determined by
registration forms completed under this section.

(10) An absent uniformed services voter or an overseas voter
who submits an absent voter ballot application is eligible to vote
as an absent voter in any local, state, or federal election
occurring in the calendar year in which the election is held for
that ballot requested if the absent voter ballot application is
received by the county, city, village, or township clerk not later
than 2 p.m. of the Saturday before the election. A county, city, or
township clerk receiving an absent voter ballot application from an
absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter shall transmit to
a village clerk and the school district election coordinators,
where applicable, the necessary information to enable the village
clerk and school district election coordinators to forward an
absent voter ballot for each applicable election in that calendar
year to the absent voter. A village clerk receiving an absent voter
ballot application from an absent uniformed services voter or
overseas voter shall transmit to the township clerk and the school
district election coordinators, where applicable, the necessary
information to enable the city or township clerk and school
district election coordinators to forward an absent voter ballot
for each applicable election in that calendar year to the absent
voter. If the local elections official rejects a voter registration
application or absent voter ballot application submitted by an
absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter, the election
official shall notify the voter of the rejection.

(11) An email address provided by an absent
uniformed services voter or overseas voter for the purposes of this
section is confidential and exempt from disclosure under the
freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246.

(12) Under the uniformed and overseas citizens absentee voting
act, the state director of elections shall approve a ballot form
and registration procedures for absent uniformed services voters
and overseas voters.

(13) An absent uniformed services voter or an overseas voter
may use the federal write-in absentee ballot, in accordance with
the provisions of the uniformed and overseas citizens absentee
voting act, at a regular election or special election to vote for a
local, state, or federal office or on a ballot question. An absent
uniformed services voter or an overseas voter who uses the federal
write-in absentee ballot shall return his or her voted federal
write-in absentee ballot by mail to the appropriate clerk. The
state bureau of elections shall do both of the following:

(a) Make the ballot format for each election available to absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters by electronic mail or on an internet website maintained by the department of state.

(b) Make the ballot information, including the offices, names of candidates, and ballot proposals, for each election available to absent uniformed services voters and overseas voters on an internet website maintained by the department of state.

(14) The clerk of a city, village, or township shall submit to the county clerk of the county in which that city, village, or township is located a written statement no later than 45 days before each election indicating whether absent voter ballots were issued to absent uniformed services voters or overseas voters in compliance with this section and the uniformed and overseas citizens absentee voting act. The city, village, or township clerk shall provide to the county clerk a written explanation describing remedial actions taken by the city, village, or township clerk if the city, village, or township clerk fails to comply with this section and the uniformed and overseas citizens absentee voting act. Not later than 42 days before each election, each county clerk shall submit to the state bureau of elections a written report compiled from the written statements submitted by the city, village, and township clerks. The written report shall must identify the cities, villages, and townships that complied with the 45-day deadline under this subsection, the cities, villages, and townships that did not comply with the 45-day deadline under this subsection, but provided a written explanation, and those cities, villages, and townships that did not comply with the 45-day
deadline under this subsection and that did not provide a written explanation. The state bureau of elections may require the clerk of a city, village, or township that did not comply with the 45-day deadline under this subsection, but provided a written explanation, to provide additional information. The state bureau of elections shall require the clerk of a city, village, or township that did not comply with the 45-day deadline and that did not provide a written explanation to file a written explanation, describing the remedial actions taken by the city, village, or township clerk, within 1 business day after the state bureau of elections notifies the clerk of that city, village, or township.

(15) For a presidential primary election, the secretary of state shall prescribe procedures for contacting an elector who is an absent uniformed services voter or an overseas voter, as described in this section, and who is eligible to receive an absent voter ballot or who applies for an absent voter ballot for the presidential primary election, offering the elector the opportunity to select a political party ballot for the presidential primary election.

(16) The secretary of state shall order a city, village, or township clerk to extend the ballot receipt deadline for any absentee voter ballots under this section that were not transmitted to an absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter in compliance with subsection (5). The extension shall equal the total number of days beyond the deadline as provided in subsection (5) that the city, village, or township clerk transmitted the requested absentee voter ballots. These absentee voter ballots received during the extension time shall be counted and tabulated for the final results of the election provided that the
absentee voter ballots are executed and sent by the close of the polls on election day. The election may be formally certified before the end of the extension time if the number of outstanding absentee voter ballots under this subsection will not alter the outcome of the election.

(17) As used in this section:

(a) "Absent uniformed services voter" means any of the following:

(i) A member of a uniformed service on active duty who, by reason of being on active duty, is absent from the place of residence where the member is otherwise qualified to vote.

(ii) A member of the merchant marine who, by reason of service in the merchant marine, is absent from the place of residence where the member is otherwise qualified to vote.

(iii) A spouse or dependent of a member referred to in subparagraph (i) or (ii) who, by reason of the active duty or service of the member, is absent from the place of residence where the spouse or dependent is otherwise qualified to vote.

(b) "Member of the merchant marine" means an individual, other than a member of a uniformed service or an individual employed, enrolled, or maintained on the Great Lakes or the inland waterways, who is either of the following:

(i) Employed as an officer or crew member of a vessel documented under the laws of the United States, a vessel owned by the United States, or a vessel of foreign-flag registry under charter to or control of the United States.

(ii) Enrolled with the United States for employment or training for employment, or maintained by the United States for emergency relief service, as an officer or crew member of a vessel documented
under the laws of the United States, a vessel owned by the United
States, or a vessel of foreign-flag registry under charter to or
control of the United States.

(c) "Overseas voter" means any of the following:

(i) An absent uniformed services voter who, by reason of active
duty or service, is absent from the United States on the date of an
election.

(ii) A person who resides outside of the United States and is
qualified to vote in the last place in which the person was
domiciled before leaving the United States.

(iii) A person who resides outside of the United States and who,
but for such residence outside of the United States, would be
qualified to vote in the last place in which he or she was
domiciled before leaving the United States.

(d) "Uniformed services" means the army, navy, air force,
marine corps, coast guard, Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps,
Coast Guard, the commissioned corps—Commissioned Corps of the
public health service—Public Health Service, the commissioned
corps—Commissioned Corps of the national oceanic—National Oceanic
and atmospheric administration—Atmospheric Administration, a
reserve component of a uniformed service, or the Michigan national
guard—National Guard as that term is defined in section 105 of the
Michigan military act, 1967 PA 150, MCL 32.505.

Sec. 759b. (1) Any registered elector may apply for an absent
ero._ballots ballot at any time prior to before 4 p.m. on election
de_day if he shall have become or she becomes physically disabled or
shall be is absent from the city or township because of sickness or
death in the family which that has occurred at a time which that
has made it impossible to apply for an absent voter ballots ballot
by the statutory deadline. The application shall be called an emergency absent voter application.

(2) Emergency An emergency absent voter application may be made by letter or on a form provided by the clerk. The application shall set forth that the elector is qualified to vote in the election, stating the statutory reason for applying for an emergency absent voter ballot and that the reason for applying after the statutory deadline occurred at such a time to make it impossible to file an application for an absent voter ballot by the statutory deadline. An applicant for an emergency absent voter ballot must either present an original or a copy of identification for election purposes to the clerk of the city or township in which the elector is registered or attach a copy of identification for election purposes to his or her application.

(3) Any individual intentionally making a false statement in such an emergency absent voter application is guilty of a felony. Any individual aiding or abetting any individual to make a false statement on such an emergency absent voter application is guilty of a felony.

(4) Upon receipt by the clerk of a valid application for an emergency absent voter ballot, the clerk may deliver the ballot to the applicant in person, through a deputy or an election assistant, or he or she may deliver them to a person named by the applicant in the application. If an applicant does not present or attach identification for election purposes as provided in subsection (2), the clerk, deputy clerk, or election assistant must issue the applicant a provisional absent voter ballot that is
processed according to section 523a(5). The voter may return the
ballots to the clerk in the sealed envelope provided
therefor in any manner he or she sees fit. To be valid, a
ballot must be returned to the clerk in time to be delivered to the
polls before 8 p.m. on election day.

Sec. 761. (1) If the clerk of a city or township receives an application for an absent voter ballot
from a person registered to vote in that city or township and if the signature on the application agrees with the
signature for the person contained in the qualified voter file or on the registration card as required in subsection
(2), the clerk immediately upon receipt of the application or, if the application is received before the printing of the absent voter
ballots, as soon as the ballots are received by the clerk, shall
forward by mail, postage prepaid, or shall deliver personally 1 of
the ballots or set of ballots if there is more than 1 kind of
ballot to be voted to the applicant. If the clerk of a city or
township receives an application for an absent voter ballot from an
applicant who is a program participant, as that term is defined in
section 3 of the address confidentiality program act, 2020 PA 301,
MCL 780.853, then the city or township clerk shall mail an absent
gent of the attorney general under the address confidentiality program act,
2020 PA 301, MCL 780.851 to 780.873. If an applicant does not
present or attach identification for election purposes as provided
in section 759(4), the clerk must issue the applicant a provisional
absent voter ballot that is processed according to section 523a(5).

Subject to the identification requirement in subsection (6), absent

voter ballots may be delivered to an applicant in person at the office of the clerk.

(2) The qualified voter file must be used to determine the genuineness of a signature on an application for an absent voter ballot. Signature comparisons must be made with the digitized signature in the qualified voter file. If the qualified voter file does not contain a digitized signature of an elector, or is not accessible to the clerk, the city or township clerk shall compare the signature appearing on the application for an absent voter ballot to the signature contained on the master card. If before 8 p.m. on the day before election day the clerk of a city or township rejects an absent voter ballot application because the signature on the absent voter ballot application does not agree sufficiently with the signature on the master card or the digitized signature contained in the qualified voter file so as to identify the elector or because the elector failed to sign the absent voter ballot application, the city or township clerk shall as soon as practicable, but in no event later than 48 hours after determining the signatures do not agree sufficiently or that the signature is missing, or by 8 p.m. on the day before election day, whichever occurs first, notify the elector of the rejection by mail, telephone, or electronic mail.

(3) Subject to the identification requirement in subsection (6) and except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a person may apply in person at the clerk's office before 8 p.m. on election day to vote as an absent voter. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2), only an individual who is not a registered elector, or an individual who is not registered to vote in the city or township in which he or she is registering to vote in the city or township in which he or she is registering to
vote, and who registers to vote on election day in person with the
clerk of the city or township in which the individual resides may
apply for and complete an absent voter ballot in person at the
clerk's office on election day. Except as otherwise provided in
subsection (2), the clerk of a city or township shall not issue an
absent voter ballot to a registered elector in that city or
township after 4 p.m. on the day before the election. The applicant
shall receive his or her absent voter ballot and vote the ballot in
the clerk's office. All other absent voter ballots, except ballots
delivered pursuant to an emergency absent voter ballot application
under section 759b, must be mailed or delivered to the registration
address of the applicant unless the application requests delivery
to an address outside the city or township or to a hospital or
similar institution, in which case the absent voter ballots must be
mailed or delivered to the address given in the application.
However, a clerk may mail or deliver an absent voter ballot, upon
request of the absent voter, to a post office box if the post
office box is where the absent voter normally receives personal
mail and the absent voter does not receive mail at his or her
registration address.

(4) Absent voter ballots must be issued in the same order in
which applications are received by the clerk of a city, township,
or village, as nearly as may be, and each ballot issued must bear
the lowest number of each kind available for this purpose. However,
this provision does not prohibit a clerk from immediately issuing
an absent voter ballot to an absent voter who applies in person in
the clerk's office for absent voter ballots. The clerk shall
enclose with the ballot or ballots a return envelope properly
addressed to the clerk and bearing upon the back of the envelope a
printed statement in substantially the following form:

TO BE COMPLETED

BY THE CLERK

_________________________  ___________________________
Name of Voter                 Street Address or R.R. or

Program Participant

Identification Number

_________________________  _________________________
City or Township               County

Ward _____  Precinct _____  Date of Election _____

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ABSENT VOTER

I assert that I am a United States citizen and a qualified and
registered elector of the city or township named above. I am voting
as an absent voter in conformity with state election law. Unless
otherwise indicated below, I personally marked the ballot enclosed
in this envelope without exhibiting it to any other person.

I further assert that this absent voter ballot is being
returned to the clerk or an assistant of the clerk by me
personally; by public postal service, express mail service, parcel
post service, or other common carrier; by a member of my immediate
family; or by a person residing in my household.

DATE: ______________    SIGN HERE: X_____________________

Signature of Absent Voter

The above form must be signed or your vote may not be counted.
AN ABSENT VOTER WHO KNOWINGLY MAKES A FALSE STATEMENT IS
GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR.

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TO BE COMPLETED ONLY IF VOTER IS ASSISTED IN VOTING
BY ANOTHER PERSON

I assisted the above named absent voter who is disabled or otherwise unable to mark the ballot in marking his or her absent voter ballot pursuant to his or her directions. The absent voter ballot was inserted in the return envelope without being exhibited to any other person.

____________________  ___________________  ___________________
Signature of Person    Street Address       City or Township
Assisting Voter       or R.R.

Printed Name of Person Assisting Voter

A PERSON WHO ASSISTS AN ABSENT VOTER AND WHO KNOWINGLY MAKES A FALSE STATEMENT IS GUILTY OF A FELONY.

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WARNING
PERSONS WHO CAN LEGALLY BE IN POSSESSION OF AN ABSENT VOTER BALLOT ISSUED TO AN ABSENT VOTER ARE LIMITED TO THE ABSENT VOTER; A PERSON WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE ABSENT VOTER'S IMMEDIATE FAMILY OR RESIDES IN THE ABSENT VOTER'S HOUSEHOLD AND WHO HAS BEEN ASKED BY THE ABSENT VOTER TO RETURN THE BALLOT; A PERSON WHOSE JOB IT IS TO HANDLE MAIL BEFORE, DURING, OR AFTER BEING TRANSPORTED BY A PUBLIC POSTAL SERVICE, EXPRESS MAIL SERVICE, PARCEL POST SERVICE, OR COMMON CARRIER, BUT ONLY DURING THE NORMAL COURSE OF HIS OR HER EMPLOYMENT; AND THE CLERK, ASSISTANTS OF THE CLERK, AND OTHER AUTHORIZED ELECTION OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OR TOWNSHIP. ANY OTHER PERSON IN POSSESSION OF AN ABSENT VOTER BALLOT IS GUILTY OF A FELONY.

(5) An absent voter who knowingly makes a false statement on the absent voter ballot return envelope is guilty of a misdemeanor.
A person—An individual—who assists an absent voter and who knowingly makes a false statement on the absent voter ballot return envelope is guilty of a felony.

(6) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if an elector obtains his or her absent voter ballot in person from the clerk of the city or township in which he or she is registered, the clerk of the city or township shall not provide an absent voter ballot to that elector until the elector identifies himself or herself to the clerk by presenting an original or a copy of identification for election purposes. If an elector does not have identification for election purposes, the elector may sign an affidavit to that effect before the clerk of the city or township and be allowed to obtain his or her absent voter ballot in person from the clerk. The clerk of the city or township shall indicate to each elector who is registered in that city or township and who obtains his or her absent voter ballot in person from the clerk that the elector may sign an affidavit indicating that the elector does not have identification for election purposes in order to obtain his or her absent voter ballot in person from the clerk. However, if an elector obtains his or her absent voter ballot in person from the clerk and votes by absent voter ballot without providing identification for election purposes required under this subsection, the absent voter ballot of that elector must be prepared as a challenged ballot as provided in section 727 and must be counted as any other ballot is counted unless determined otherwise by a court of law under section 747 or 748 or any other applicable law. Clerk must issue the elector a provisional absent voter ballot that is processed according to section 523a(5).