

AN ACT

ENTITLED, An Act to revise the requirements for using an absentee ballot.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

Section 1. That § 12-19-1 be amended to read as follows:

12-19-1. A registered voter not otherwise disqualified by law from voting in the election may vote by absentee ballot.

Section 2. That § 12-19-2 be amended to read as follows:

12-19-2. An absentee voter desiring to vote by mail may apply to the person in charge of the election for an absentee ballot. The application or request shall be made in writing, be signed by the applicant, state the absentee voter's voting precinct, and place of voting residence. The application or request may be used to obtain an absentee ballot for all primary and general elections in that calendar year if so indicated. The ballot shall be sent to the voter's residence, as shown on the voter registration list or any temporary residence address designated in writing by the voter, at the time of applying for the absentee ballot. The State Board of Elections shall promulgate rules pursuant to chapter 1-26 to prescribe the form for an absentee ballot request. The person in charge of the election shall stamp the application with the date it was received. The application may be made by letter or upon blanks furnished by the person in charge of the election or upon any form prescribed by the State Board of Elections or the postcard form referred to in § 12-4-8.1, executed by any person authorized in accordance with the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) (42 U.S.C. § 1973ff). The person in charge of the election shall preserve a record of the name, post office address, and voting precinct of each applicant and, except as provided by § 12-19-45, send each written application by registered mail or deliver the application to the superintendent of the election board of the home precinct of the applicant.

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I certify that the attached Act
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Chief Clerk

Speaker of the House

Attest:

Chief Clerk

President of the Senate

Attest:

Secretary of the Senate

House Bill No. 1008

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Chapter No. _____

Received at this Executive Office
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By _____
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The attached Act is hereby
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Governor

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,
ss.
Office of the Secretary of State

Filed _____, 19__
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Secretary of State

By _____
Asst. Secretary of State