

AN ACT

ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain absentee voting procedures.

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

Section 1. 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 and be signed by the applicant and shall state the applicant's voter registration address. The application or request shall contain an oath verifying the validity of the information contained in the application or request. The oath shall be administered by a notary public or other officer authorized by statute to administer an oath. If the application or request does not contain an oath, the application or request shall be accompanied by a copy of the voter's identification card as required by § 12-18-6.1. The copy of the voter's identification card shall be maintained by the person in charge of the election. However, the voter's identification card is not available for public inspection. The application or request may be used to obtain an absentee ballot for all elections in that calendar year conducted by the jurisdiction receiving the application or request if so indicated. If the application or request is from a voter identified as being covered by the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (42 U.S.C. 1973ff-1) as of January 1, 2004, an absentee ballot shall be provided to the voter for each federal election through the next two general elections. The ballot shall be sent to the voter's residence, as shown in the voter registration file 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 application or request form. 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 any form containing the required information or upon any form prescribed by the State Board of Elections or the postcard form referred to in § 12-4-8.1, executed by persons

authorized in accordance with the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) (42 U.S.C. § 1973ff) as of January 1, 2004. 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, deliver the record to the superintendent of the election board of the home precinct of the applicant.

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I certify that the attached Act  
originated in the

SENATE as Bill No. 14

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Secretary of the Senate

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President of the Senate

Attest:

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Secretary of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

Attest:

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Chief Clerk

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Received at this Executive Office  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ ,

20\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ M.

By \_\_\_\_\_  
for the Governor

The attached Act is hereby  
approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_\_, A.D., 20\_\_\_\_

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Governor

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

Filed \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_  
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Secretary of State

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Asst. Secretary of State