

House File 420

H-1123

1 Amend House File 420 as follows:

2 1. By striking everything after the enacting clause
3 and inserting:

4 <Section 1. Section 53.40, subsection 2, Code 2013,
5 is amended to read as follows:

6 2. The commissioner shall immediately on the
7 forty-fifth day prior to the particular election
8 transmit ~~ballots~~ a ballot to the voter by mail ~~or~~
9 ~~otherwise~~, postage prepaid, or transmit a ballot to the
10 voter electronically in the manner provided in section
11 53.45A as directed by the state commissioner, requests
12 requested by the voter for those requests which are in
13 the commissioner's hands at that time, and thereafter
14 ~~so shall~~ transmit ballots immediately upon receipt
15 of requests. A request for ballot for the primary
16 election which does not state the party affiliation of
17 the voter making the request is void and of no effect.
18 A request which does not show that the person for whom
19 a ballot is requested will be a qualified voter in the
20 precinct in which the ballot is to be cast on the day
21 of the election for which the ballot is requested,
22 shall not be honored. However, a request which states
23 the age and the city, including street address, and
24 county where the voter resides is sufficient to show
25 that the person is a qualified voter. A request by the
26 voter containing substantially the information required
27 is sufficient.

28 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 53.45A Transmitting absentee
29 ballots electronically.

30 The commissioner shall transmit a ballot to a voter
31 electronically if the voter requests such electronic
32 transmission as provided in section 53.46, subsection
33 6A.

34 Sec. 3. Section 53.46, Code 2013, is amended by
35 adding the following new subsection:

36 NEW SUBSECTION. 6A. To develop and operate, not
37 inconsistent with federal law, a secure internet-based
38 application to allow a voter in the armed forces of
39 the United States to access, print, mark, and return
40 an absentee ballot through electronic means. For
41 the general election only, the secure internet-based
42 application shall also allow the voter to access,
43 mark, and return the ballot electronically. Ballots
44 returned electronically under this subsection shall be
45 submitted through the internet-based application no
46 later than the close of the polls on the day of the
47 general election. The content of any such electronic
48 absentee ballot shall be the same as that used for
49 absent voters generally in the particular precinct in
50 which the electronic absentee ballot is to be cast;>

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