

House File 506

H-1037

1 Amend the amendment, H-1026, to House File 506 as
2 follows:

3 1. Page 1, after line 17 by inserting:

4 <Sec. _____. Section 53.25, Code 2015, is amended to
5 read as follows:

6 **53.25 Rejecting ballot.**

7 1. If the absentee voter's affidavit lacks the
8 voter's signature, if the applicant is not a duly
9 registered voter on election day in the precinct where
10 the absentee ballot was cast, if the envelope marked
11 with the affidavit contains more than one ballot of any
12 one kind, if the ballot is not eligible to be counted
13 pursuant to section 53.17, subsection 2, or if the
14 voter has voted in person, such vote shall be rejected
15 by the absentee and special voters precinct board. If
16 the affidavit envelope or return envelope marked with
17 the affidavit is open, or has been opened and resealed,
18 or if the ballot is not enclosed in such envelope,
19 and an affidavit envelope or return envelope marked
20 with the affidavit with the same serial number and
21 marked "Replacement ballot" is not attached as provided
22 in section 53.18, the vote shall be rejected by the
23 absentee and special voters precinct board.

24 2. a. If the absentee ballot is rejected prior
25 to the opening of the affidavit envelope or return
26 envelope marked with the affidavit, the voter casting
27 the ballot shall be notified by a precinct election
28 official by the time the canvass is completed of the
29 reason for the rejection on a form prescribed by the
30 state commissioner of elections.

31 b. The commissioner shall, in a format developed by
32 the state commissioner of elections, compile a county
33 report that provides information on the number of
34 ballots rejected that are not eligible to be counted
35 pursuant to section 53.17, subsection 2, by reason for
36 rejection under that subsection and include information
37 on the number of ballots not eligible to be counted
38 that were received through an officially authorized
39 postal service in a return envelope that does not bear
40 a postmark. The commissioner shall submit the county
41 report to the state commissioner of elections within
42 thirty days following the tabulation by the special
43 precinct election board, pursuant to section 53.23.
44 The state commissioner of elections shall submit a
45 statewide report to the general assembly by February
46 15 each year, including aggregate information from all
47 county reports submitted during the prior year.>

48 2. By renumbering as necessary.

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