Memorandum

To: LSA

From: Eric Gookin, Chief Operating Officer, Office of the Secretary of State

Date: November 27, 2023

Re: Absentee Voting Pilot program

This bill allows the state commissioner of elections to adopt rules to establish a pilot program to allow voters with disabilities that prevent such voters from marking ballots by

hand to independently and privately mark absentee ballots, including by the use of assistive technology. The bill requires that the program includes a method by which such

voters can request an absentee ballot by mail. If the pilot program under the bill is not established

statewide, the bill requires that the program be established in sufficient counties to allow the state commissioner of elections to determine whether the program is feasible statewide. The state commissioner of elections shall file a report with the general assembly by December 31 of each year regarding the pilot program established under the bill. The pilot program is repealed on July 1, 2026.