

HB 5623 -- Redline

Introduced to Committee Substitute -- Relating to absentee voting

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WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION ~~Introduced~~Committee FISCALSubstitute for House Bill 5623--~~NOTE~~
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~~[Introduced~~[Originating February in 12, the 2024;Committee on the Judiciary;

~~Referred~~Reported to on the February Committee 23, on 2024] the ~~CS Judiciary]~~for Intr HB 2024R38235623 A BILL
to amend and reenact Sec.3-3-12 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to codifying
existing policy of the Secretary of State regarding the verification of absentee ~~ballots.~~ballots;
requiring the creation of an electronic absentee by mail ballot tracking system;

and requiring certain content to be provided on the electronic absentee by mail ballot tracking system.

1 CS for HB 5623 (2) The size and form of absent voter's ballot envelope nos.

1 and the ~~Intr HB 2024R3823~~-forms and information which are to be placed on absent voter's ballot
envelope no.

(d) The Secretary of State shall establish, acquire, or approve an early absentee by mail ballot
~~verification tracking~~ system that indicates whether the voter's early ballot has been received and
whether the early ballot has been verified and sent to be tabulated or rejected.

For each elector who votes by absent voter ballot at an election, the electronic security system
described in ~~subsection~~this (d) subsection must indicate all of the following:

(A) A brief ~~state~~statement of the reason for the rejection.

2 CS for HB 5623 (C) If the issue with the elector's absent voter ballot application is cured by the
elector and the absent voter ballot application is accepted by the officials designated to supervise and
conduct absentee voting, an update that the elector's absent voter ballot application was accepted and
the date of the acceptance.

~~Intr HB 2024R3823~~ (3) The date the officials designated to supervise and conduct absentee voting mailed
or delivered the absent voter ballot to the elector, or for an absent uniformed services voter or
overseas voter under Sec.3-3-1(b)(3) of this code, the date the absent uniformed services voter's or
overseas voter's official designated to supervise and conduct absentee voting mailed or electronically
transmitted the absent voter ballot to the absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter.

~~NOTE:~~

~~The purpose of this bill is to codify existing policy of the Secretary of State regarding the
verification of absentee ballots.~~

~~Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and
underscoring indicates new language that would be added.~~