



General Assembly

**Amendment**

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To: Subst. House Bill No. 6205      File No. 572      Cal. No. 399

**"AN ACT REVISING CERTAIN ABSENTEE VOTING STATUTES."**

1      Strike section 1 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu  
2      thereof:

3      "Section 1. Section 9-135 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4      following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5      (a) Any elector eligible to vote at a primary or an election and any  
6      person eligible to vote at a referendum may vote by absentee ballot if (1)  
7      such elector or person is unable to appear at such elector's or person's  
8      polling place [during the hours of voting] on the day of such primary,  
9      election or referendum for any of the following reasons: [(1)] (A) Such  
10     elector's or person's active service with the armed forces of the United  
11     States; [(2)] (B) such elector's or person's absence from the town of [such  
12     elector's or person's voting residence during all of the hours of voting;  
13     (3) such elector's or person's illness; (4) such elector's or person's  
14     physical disability; (5)] which such elector or person is an inhabitant; (C)  
15     sickness; (D) physical disability; (E) the tenets of such elector's or

16 person's religion forbid secular activity; [on the day of the primary,  
 17 election or referendum; (6)] or (F) the required performance of such  
 18 elector's or person's duties as a primary, election or referendum official,  
 19 including as a town clerk or registrar of voters or as staff of the clerk or  
 20 registrar, at a polling place other than such elector's or person's own  
 21 during all of the hours of voting at such primary, election or  
 22 referendum; [; or (7) for the state election in 2020, the sickness of COVID-  
 23 19. As used in this section, "COVID-19" means the respiratory disease  
 24 designated by the World Health Organization on February 11, 2020, as  
 25 coronavirus 2019, and any related mutation thereof recognized by said  
 26 organization as a communicable respiratory disease] and (2) such  
 27 elector's or person's signature on the materials used to vote by absentee  
 28 ballot can be verified.

29 (b) No person shall misrepresent the eligibility requirements for  
 30 voting by absentee ballot prescribed in subsection (a) of this section, to  
 31 any elector or prospective absentee ballot applicant."

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |                     |       |
| Section 1   | <i>from passage</i> | 9-135 |