

HB 382 -- Absentee Voting

Sponsor: Zimmerman

Currently, a registered voter who is prevented for various reasons from going to the polls to vote on election day can vote by absentee ballot. This bill allows any registered voter who is eligible to vote in a particular election to do so by absentee ballot without being required to state a reason. An election authority must deliver an absentee ballot to each registered voter for any election for statewide office, state representative, and state senator. Delivery of the ballot will be made in the same manner that absentee ballots are currently delivered. No application for an absentee ballot can be required when the election authority delivers an absentee ballot. A person who registers by mail and is voting by absentee ballot must provide an affidavit along with his or her absentee ballot unless the voter is exempt because of a disability or by federal law.