
DIGEST

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HB 1057 Engrossed

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Abstract: Provides that an application to vote absentee by mail made by a member of the U.S. Service or person who resides outside of the U.S. remains valid for two years.

Present law (R.S. 18:1307(C)) provides for application by mail to vote absentee by mail by a member of the U.S. Service or someone who resides outside of the U.S. Provides that the member of the U.S. Service or person residing outside of the U.S. may use the federal postcard application or an application electronically transmitted by the registrar or sec. of state, and the application shall be received by the registrar no later than 4:30 p.m. on the day before the election. Provides that such application shall be valid for a period extending at least one year from the date the application is received in the office of the registrar of voters; such period shall include at least one regularly scheduled federal general election. Further provides that if the registrar rejects the application of an applicant who is a member of the U.S. Service or resides outside of the U.S., the registrar shall provide the applicant with written reasons for the rejection.

Proposed law provides that an application to vote absentee by mail made by a member of the U.S. Service or person who resides outside the U.S. remains valid for two years instead of one year. Otherwise retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 18:1307(C))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Add an effective date.
3. Remove provision of proposed law that provided that an application to vote absentee made by a member of the U.S. Service is valid until the member is no longer stationed or deployed outside of the U.S.
4. Provide that an application made by a member of the U.S. Service or person residing outside the U.S. remains valid for two years instead of one year.