

## Session 123 - (2019-2020)

**H\*5305 (Rat #0149, Act #0143 of 2020) General Bill, By Norrell, B. Newton, Yow and Lucas**

**Summary:** Absentee ballots

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH COVID-19 VOTING-RELATED PROCEDURES FOR THE 2020 GENERAL ELECTION; TO AUTHORIZE ABSENTEE VOTING FOR ALL QUALIFIED ELECTORS RESIDING OR VOTING IN AN AREA SUBJECT TO A DECLARED STATE OF EMERGENCY; TO ESTABLISH A TIMELINE FOR THE RECEIPT OF COMPLETED ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS; TO DELINEATE HOW QUALIFIED ELECTORS MAY SUBMIT COMPLETED ABSENTEE BALLOTS TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS; TO ESTABLISH A START DATE FOR IN-OFFICE ABSENTEE VOTING; TO ESTABLISH A TIMELINE FOR THE EXAMINATION OF RETURN-ADDRESSED ENVELOPES AND THE TABULATION OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS; TO REQUIRE THAT CERTAIN INFORMATION BE INCLUDED IN THE PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SECTION 7-13-35; TO REQUIRE THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS TO REDUCE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 DURING THE 2020 GENERAL ELECTION; TO REQUIRE THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION TO DEVELOP A VOTER EDUCATION PROGRAM; AND TO PROVIDE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT SHALL APPLY ONLY TO THE 2020 GENERAL ELECTION AND THE PROCESSES NECESSARY TO FINALIZE THE RESULTS. - ratified title

<b>02/27/20</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 20)</b>
<b>02/27/20</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Referred to Lancaster Delegation (House Journal-page 20)</b>
<b>03/03/20</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Delegation report: Favorable Lancaster Delegation (House Journal-page 5)</b>
<b>03/04/20</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Read second time (House Journal-page 31)</b>
<b>03/04/20</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Roll call Yeas-105 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 32)</b>
<b>03/05/20</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 14)</b>
<b>03/10/20</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 11)</b>
<b>03/10/20</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Referred to Committee on Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 11)</b>
<b>03/12/20</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Recalled from Committee on Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 4)</b>
<b>09/02/20</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Amended</b>
<b>09/02/20</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Read second time (Senate Journal-page 13)</b>
<b>09/02/20</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Roll call Ayes-xxx Nays-xxx (Senate Journal-page 13)</b>
<b>09/02/20</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day (Senate Journal-page 39)</b>
<b>09/03/20</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Read third time and returned to House with amendments (Senate Journal-page 1)</b>
<b>09/03/20</b>		<b>Scrivener's error corrected</b>
<b>09/15/20</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled (House Journal-page 100)</b>
<b>09/15/20</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Roll call Yeas-93 Nays-1 (House Journal-page 100)</b>
<b>09/16/20</b>		<b>Ratified R 149</b>
<b>09/16/20</b>		<b>Signed By Governor</b>
<b>09/23/20</b>		<b>Effective date 09/16/2020</b>
<b>09/23/20</b>		<b>Act No. 143</b>