

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

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