
HOUSE BILL 1691

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1 AN ACT Relating to absentee voting in irrigation districts; and
2 amending RCW 87.03.031, 87.03.032, and 87.03.033.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 87.03.031 and 1961 c 105 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 Any qualified district elector (~~((who certifies as provided in RCW~~
7 ~~87.03.032 through 87.03.034 that he cannot conveniently be present to~~
8 ~~cast his ballot at his proper election precinct on the day of any~~
9 ~~irrigation district election))~~ shall be entitled to vote by absentee
10 ballot in ((such)) an irrigation district election in the manner
11 ((herein)) provided in RCW 87.03.032 and 87.03.033.

12 **Sec. 2.** RCW 87.03.032 and 1961 c 105 s 3 are each amended to read
13 as follows:

14 The notice of election shall conform to the requirements for
15 election notices provided by Title 87 RCW for the election being held,
16 and shall specify in addition that any qualified district elector (~~((who~~
17 ~~certifies that he cannot conveniently be present at his proper election~~
18 ~~precinct on the day of election))~~ may vote by absentee ballot, and that

1 a ballot and a certification form (~~((of certificate of))~~) regarding the
2 elector's qualifications as a district voter will be furnished to him
3 or her on written request being made of the district's secretary. The
4 requisite ballot and (~~((a))~~) certification form (~~((of certificate of~~
5 ~~qualifications))~~) shall be furnished by the district's secretary to any
6 person who prior to the date of election makes written request
7 therefor, stating that he is a qualified district elector. Such ballot
8 and form may be furnished also to qualified district electors in any
9 way deemed to be convenient without regard to requests having been made
10 therefor.

11 **Sec. 3.** RCW 87.03.033 and 1961 c 105 s 4 are each amended to read
12 as follows:

13 (1) To be counted in a given election, an absentee ballot must
14 conform to these requirements:

15 (a) It must be sealed in an unmarked envelope and delivered to the
16 district's principal office prior to the close of the polls on the day
17 of that election; or be sealed in an unmarked envelope and mailed to
18 the district's secretary, postmarked not later than midnight of that
19 election day and received by the secretary within five days of that
20 date.

21 (b) The sealed envelope containing the ballot shall be accompanied
22 by a certificate of qualifications stating(~~((, with respect to the~~
23 ~~voter, his))~~) the voter's name, age, citizenship, residence, and that he
24 or she holds title or evidence of title to lands within the district
25 which, under RCW 87.03.045 entitles (~~((him))~~) the voter to vote in the
26 election(~~((, and that he cannot conveniently be present to cast his~~
27 ~~ballot at his proper election precinct on election day))~~).

28 (c) The statements in the certificate of qualifications shall be
29 certified as correct by the voter by the affixing of his or her
30 signature thereto in the presence of a witness who is acquainted with
31 the voter, and the voter shall enclose and seal (~~((his))~~) the voted
32 ballot in the unmarked envelope in the presence of this witness but
33 without disclosing his or her vote. The witness, by affixing his or
34 her signature to the certificate of qualifications, shall certify that
35 (~~((he))~~) the witness is acquainted with the voter, that in (~~((his))~~) the
36 presence of the witness the voter's signature was affixed and the
37 ballot enclosed as required in this paragraph.

1 (2) The form of statement of qualifications and its certification
2 shall be substantially as prescribed by the district's board of
3 directors. This form may also provide that the voter shall describe
4 all or some part of his or her lands within the district which, under
5 RCW 87.03.045 entitles him or her to vote in the election, but a voter
6 otherwise qualified shall not be disqualified because of the absence or
7 inaccuracy of the description so given. The regular form of irrigation
8 district ballot shall be used by absentee voters.

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