

**SB 5565 - DIGEST**

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Provides that the information on the envelopes or instructions must explain that: (1) Return postage is free if the ballot is mailed through the United States postal service, United States armed forces postal service, or the postal service of a United States foreign embassy;

(2) The date of the signature is considered the date of mailing;

(3) The envelope must be signed by election day;

(4) The signed declaration on the envelope is the equivalent of voter registration;

(5) A voter may fax a voted ballot and the accompanying envelope if the voter agrees to waive secrecy. The ballot will be counted if the original documents are received before certification of the election; and

(6) A voter may obtain a ballot via electronic mail, which the voter may print out, vote, and return by mail. In order to facilitate the electronic acquisition of ballots by out-of-state, overseas, and service voters, the ballot instructions shall include the web site of the office of the secretary of state.