
Government Operations & Elections Committee

SB 5500

Brief Description: Providing a replacement ballot by telephone, mail, or in person to a voter who is not a voter that is overseas or in the military.

Sponsors: Senators Benton, Roach and Hobbs.

<p style="text-align: center;">Brief Summary of Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Limits the replacement of ballots that are destroyed, spoiled, lost, or not received through electronic means to service and overseas voters only.
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Hearing Date: 4/2/13

Staff: Marsha Reilly (786-7135).

Background:

Ballots must be mailed to each voter at least 18 days before a primary or election. For service and overseas voters, ballots must be mailed 45 days before a primary or election, except in the event of a recount or litigation is pending.

Any voter may obtain a replacement ballot in the event the ballot is destroyed, spoiled, lost, or not received. Replacement ballots may be obtained by telephone request, by mail, electronically, or in person. County auditors are required to keep a record of each request for a replacement ballot.

Summary of Bill:

A replacement ballot may be obtained electronically only by overseas and service voters.

Appropriation: None.

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Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.