

SB1517



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SB1517

Introduced 2/9/2017, by Sen. Pamela J. Althoff

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/19-6

from Ch. 46, par. 19-6

Amends the Election Code. In provisions concerning vote by mail ballots, removes the requirement that voters sign the exterior of the return envelope containing the ballot. Makes related changes.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning elections.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing Section
5 19-6 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/19-6) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-6)

7 Sec. 19-6. Such vote by mail voter shall make and subscribe
8 to the certifications provided for in the application ~~and on~~
9 ~~the return envelope~~ for the ballot, and such ballot or ballots
10 shall be folded by such voter in the manner required to be
11 folded before depositing the same in the ballot box, and be
12 deposited in such envelope and the envelope securely sealed.
13 ~~The voter shall then endorse his certificate upon the back of~~
14 ~~the envelope and the~~ envelope shall be mailed in person by such
15 voter, postage prepaid, to the election authority issuing the
16 ballot or, if more convenient, it may be delivered in person,
17 by either the voter or by any person authorized by the voter,
18 or by a company licensed as a motor carrier of property by the
19 Illinois Commerce Commission under the Illinois Commercial
20 Transportation Law, which is engaged in the business of making
21 deliveries. It shall be unlawful for any person not the voter
22 or a person authorized by the voter to take the ballot and
23 ballot envelope of a voter for deposit into the mail unless the

1 ballot has been issued pursuant to application by a physically
 2 incapacitated elector under Section 3-3 or a hospitalized voter
 3 under Section 19-13, in which case any employee or person under
 4 the direction of the facility in which the elector or voter is
 5 located may deposit the ballot and ballot envelope into the
 6 mail. ~~If the voter authorized a person to deliver the ballot to~~
 7 ~~the election authority, the voter and the person authorized to~~
 8 ~~deliver the ballot shall complete the authorization printed on~~
 9 ~~the exterior envelope supplied by an election authority for the~~
 10 ~~return of the vote by mail ballot. The exterior of the envelope~~
 11 ~~supplied by an election authority for the return of the vote by~~
 12 ~~mail ballot shall include an authorization in substantially the~~
 13 ~~following form:~~

14 I (voter) authorize to take
 15 the necessary steps to have this ballot delivered promptly to
 16 the office of the election authority.

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 18 _____ Date _____ Signature of voter

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 20 Printed Name of Authorized Delivery Agent

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 22 Signature of Authorized Delivery Agency

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2 ~~Date Delivered to the Election Authority~~

3 (Source: P.A. 98-1171, eff. 6-1-15.)