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AMENDMENT MEMO



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Senate Bill 211 requires an individual applying to receive an absentee ballot to fill out a standardized absentee application prescribed by the Wisconsin Elections Commission. The bill requires the application to be separate and distinct from the certificate envelope, to require the voter to certify facts establishing eligibility to vote, to be signed by the voter, and to include specific pieces of information such as the voter's name, date of birth, and contact information; the voter's municipality and county of residence; the voter's street address; and whether the voter is a military or overseas voter.

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Senate Amendment 1 replaces language requiring an absentee application to be signed by the voter with language specifying that an absentee application must contain an original written signature, an electronic signature, or a copy of an original signature. The amendment also adds language stating that a voter may submit an absentee application via the state's voter public access internet site, in addition to submitting it via fax or email.

BILL HISTORY

Senate Amendment 1 was offered by Senators Bernier and Darling on May 18, 2021. On May 19, 2021, the Senate Committee on Elections, Election Process Reform, and Ethics recommended adoption of the amendment and passage of the bill, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 3; Noes, 2.

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