

Senate Rules Committee
Senator Bill Wielechowski, Chair

SB 64

Election Reform

House Finance Committee
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SB 64 is a Comprehensive Election Reform Package

The Senate Rules Committee was tasked with reviewing previous elections bills and creating a comprehensive bill

SB 64 had 10 hearings in Senate committees and 5 hearings in House Finance last year

After the vigorous discussion in House Finance last year, a bipartisan compromise was reached to narrow the bill to be more narrowly targeted.

The Work Draft CS is narrowed to focus on ballot curing and tracking, voter roll clean-up, and faster election results.

The bill also contains several technical amendment to election law request by the Division of Elections.

Strengthening Election Integrity

- Ballot curing to ensure eligible voters have their votes counted
- Ballot tracking to allow voters to track their absentee ballots through the mail and review process
- Expedites the process of removing ineligible voters from the voter lists and adds several indicators of residency in another state to the criteria that triggers a clean-up notice
- Requires data sharing between the PFD Division and DOE to improve voter list accuracy
- Requires a nationally recognizes subject matter expert to annually review the voter rolls
- Requires the Legislature and public be notified of data breaches
- Updates the crimes of unlawful interference with an election and election official misconduct

How ballot curing will work

- Within 24 hours of receiving the ballot, the Division mails a deficiency notice with curing instructions.
- If the voter has a phone number on file, the Division will call and text them as well.
- The voter returns the cure form confirming they voted the ballot with a copy of their ID and a signature.
- The cure process may be done electronically.
- A properly cured ballot will be counted if it is otherwise valid.
- If the voter responds that they did not vote the ballot, it will be referred to the Attorney General.
- Voter will be able to track their absentee ballot's status online

Faster Election Results

- Absentee ballot review will begin 12 days before elections, allowing more votes to be counted on Election Day
- Requires all ballots to be received 10 days after the election, allowing elections to be certified 5 days sooner
- Requires information be posted online with unofficial result so voters can know which ballots have been counted

Making Voting More Accessible

- Prepaid postage for absentee ballot envelopes
- Creates a rural community liaison position in DOE to ensure all polling places are properly staffed and able to open on time
- Requires DOE to prepare a report with recommendations on how to make voting more accessible

Administrative Changes Requested by DOE

- Repeals statutory specifications for voting booths
- Repeals the requirement that poll worker pay be set by regulation
- Repeals the requirement that late arriving ballots be counted during recounts
- Allow ballot cover sheets to be transmitted electronically



Questions?

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