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## AMENDMENT MEMO

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**2023 Assembly Bill 1037**

**Assembly Substitute  
Amendment 1**

### 2023 ASSEMBLY BILL 1037

Current law requires a person who votes absentee to do so in the presence of a witness. Under current law, a witness must certify that the ballot was completed according to law and provide his or her printed name, address, and signature on a certification accompanying the ballot.

This bill establishes, for the purpose of accepting an absentee ballot, each element required in a witness' address certification and requires a separate line for each element on an absentee ballot envelope. Under the bill, in order for a ballot to be accepted and tallied in an election, a witness' certification must contain all of the following:

- The witness's printed first name.
- The witness's printed last name.
- The witness's house or apartment number.
- The witness's street name.
- The witness's municipality.
- The witness's state.
- The witness's zip code.

Under the bill, no one but the witness may correct a defect in the witness's certification.

### ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 retains the same provisions except that it does not require a witness to provide his or her state or zip code.

### BILL HISTORY

Representative Rozar introduced Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 on February 6, 2024. On February 14, 2024, the Assembly Committee on Campaigns and Elections voted to recommend adoption of the substitute amendment by a vote of Ayes, 7; Noes, 0, and to recommend passage of the bill by a vote of Ayes, 4; Noes 3.

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's [bill history page](#).

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