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AMENDMENT MEMO



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2023 Assembly Bill 570

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Amendment 1**

2023 ASSEMBLY BILL 570

Assembly Bill 570 defines what constitutes a complete address for purposes of an absentee ballot certification to include a voter and a witness' printed first and last name, house or apartment number, street name, municipality, and signature, and states that an absentee ballot certificate that lacks any of these elements may not be accepted. Under the bill, a municipal clerk may employ various means to inform the voter or witness that he or she must cure the defect in order for the ballot to be counted, but only the voter or witness may cure a defect.

The bill also defines circumstances under which an election canvass may be temporarily halted and under which special voting deputies may be prevented from visiting assisted living facilities to conduct absentee voting in those facilities. The bill establishes procedures for certain employees of assisted living facilities to be trained to assist residents with voting when special voting deputies may not enter the facility and creates a crime of coercing a resident of an assisted living facility to take or to refrain from certain voting activities.

The bill prohibits any person who is an employee of certain campaign, issue advocacy, or political committees or organization from working as an election official and states that an election official who improperly accepts or refuses to accept ballots or registration in accordance with law is guilty of a Class I felony.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Amendment 1 states that absentee ballot certificates must be printed with blank spaces on which voters and witnesses may write in each required element of his or her address and may also be printed with blank spaces on which a voter or witness may opt to write his or her state or zip code.

BILL HISTORY

Assembly Amendment 1 was introduced on November 1, 2023, by Representative Michalski. On November 7, 2023, the Assembly Committee on Campaigns and Elections voted to recommend adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 by a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 3, and to recommend passage of the bill as amended by a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 3.

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

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