



House of Representatives

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House Bill No. 6630

House of Representatives, April 11, 2013

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. JUTILA of the 37th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DELIVERY OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS BY THE TOWN CLERKS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsections (e) to (g), inclusive, of section 9-140c of the
2 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

4 (e) [Ballots] (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this
5 subsection, ballots received not later than eleven o'clock a.m. on such
6 last day before the election, primary or referendum shall be delivered
7 by the clerk to the registrars not earlier than ten o'clock a.m. and not
8 later than twelve o'clock noon on the day of the election or primary
9 and at twelve o'clock noon on the day of a referendum. If central
10 counting has been designated pursuant to section 9-147a, the clerk
11 shall also deliver to the registrars at this time the duplicate checklist
12 provided for in subsection (b) of this section, for the use of the absentee
13 ballot counters pursuant to subsection (i) of this section.

14 (2) The clerk may deliver the ballots at a time that is later than the
 15 time provided in subdivision (1) of this subsection, provided such time
 16 is mutually agreed upon by the clerk and registrars and is not later
 17 than eight o'clock p.m. on the day of the election, primary or
 18 referendum.

19 (f) Absentee ballots timely received by the clerk after eleven o'clock
 20 a.m. of such last day before an election, primary or referendum shall be
 21 sorted into voting districts by the clerk and retained by [him] the clerk
 22 separately until delivered to the registrars of voters for checking.

23 (g) Any or all of such ballots received after eleven o'clock a.m. of
 24 such last day before an election, primary or referendum and before six
 25 o'clock p.m. on the day of the election, primary or referendum shall,
 26 upon request of the registrars, be delivered to the registrars by the
 27 municipal clerk at six o'clock p.m. on the day of the election, primary
 28 or referendum for checking, or at a later time mutually agreed upon by
 29 the clerk and registrars, provided such time is not later than eight
 30 o'clock p.m. on the day of the election, primary or referendum.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2013	9-140c(e) to (g)

GAE *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill, which allows a town clerk to deliver ballots to the registrar of voters at a mutually agreed time outside of the statutorily prescribed window, has no fiscal impact.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 6630*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE DELIVERY OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS BY THE TOWN CLERKS.*****SUMMARY:**

The law requires town clerks to deliver absentee ballots to registrars of voters for checking at specified times (e.g., 12 p.m. and 6 p.m.) throughout the day of a primary, election, or referendum.

This bill authorizes clerks and registrars to mutually agree on a later time or times, as long as the ballots are delivered by the close of polls (8:00 p.m.). If they do not agree on a later time, the clerks must deliver the ballots according to the schedule the law sets.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

BACKGROUND***Related Bill***

SB 1058, reported favorably by the Government Administration and Elections Committee, decreases, from 60 to 10 days, the length of time town clerks must preserve unused absentee ballots after an election, primary, or referendum.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 14 Nay 0 (03/27/2013)