



**Substitute Senate Bill No. 647**

**Public Act No. 13-185**

**AN ACT CONCERNING VOTING BY MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY SERVING OVERSEAS.**

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

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) On or before October 1, 2013, the Secretary of the State, in consultation with the Military Department, shall select a method for use in any election or primary held after September 1, 2014, for returning any ballot issued pursuant to section 9-153e or 9-153f of the general statutes that (1) may be used by any elector or applicant for admission as an elector who is a member of the armed forces and expects to be living or traveling outside the several states of the United States and the District of Columbia before and on election day, or such member's spouse or dependent if living where such member is stationed, (2) gives due consideration to the interests of maintaining the security of such ballot and the privacy of information contained on such ballot, and (3) ensures receipt, prior to the closing of the polls on the day of the election or primary, of such ballot by the municipality in which the member or member's spouse or dependent is enrolled or has applied for admission as an elector, if such method is properly utilized by such member or such member's spouse or dependent prior to the closing of the polls on the day of the election or primary. Not later than January 1, 2014, the Secretary of the State shall submit a report, in accordance

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with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to elections and veterans' and military affairs describing such method and any legislative changes necessary for its implementation.

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