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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 18-124—sHB 5419

Government Administration and Elections Committee

**AN ACT CONCERNING CENTRAL COUNTING OF ABSENTEE
BALLOTS**

SUMMARY: This act requires that, within existing resources, absentee ballots cast at any election, primary, or referendum be counted at a central location in each municipality unless the registrars of voters agree to count them at the respective polling places. Under prior law, absentee ballots had to be counted at the polling places unless the registrars agreed to count them centrally.

The act makes numerous technical and conforming changes (e.g., applying the central counting requirement to primaries in which unaffiliated electors are authorized to vote). It also retains existing law's procedures for designating the central location and counting absentee ballots for both central locations and polling places.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage