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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 23-158—sHB 6870

Government Administration and Elections Committee

**AN ACT CONCERNING RETRIEVAL BY TOWN CLERKS OF
ABSENTEE BALLOTS IN DROP BOXES**

SUMMARY: Under existing law, voters may cast absentee ballots by depositing them in designated drop boxes. Under prior law, town clerks had to begin retrieving the ballots from these boxes 29 days before an election, primary, or referendum. This act instead requires town clerks to collect the ballots starting on the first day of the absentee balloting period for an election or primary (and presumably a referendum).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2023