



Senate Bill 10 – Proposed Election Reforms

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Provisions include:

- Pre-canvassing, up to and including scanning, starting at 8 a.m. Saturday before the election.
- Permanently extends the provisions to allow poll workers to come from anywhere in the county
- Adds a new provision to allow poll watchers to come from anywhere in the state
- Removes the Act 12 provisions allowing a voter to bring their mail-in ballot to the precinct to be spoiled so they can vote on the machines on election day, and instead replaces it with the previous Act 77 language allowing someone who has applied for a mail-in ballot to vote only by provisional ballot if they come to their precinct on election day
- Moves the deadline for application for a mail-in/absentee back from seven days to 15 days before an election
- Allows ballots to be returned to the permanent offices of the county board of elections, to a location at the courthouse if the board so designates, or to the person's polling place on the day of the election; no other location is permitted for delivering a ballot
- Requires recording of the pre-canvass, and the recording to be made available upon request
- If a county is not satisfied the signature on the returned ballot matches the one on file in SURE, they must notify the voter to confirm their signature within 6 days or the ballot may not be counted
- Current law requires counties to begin sending ballots as soon as they are ready and available, unless there is a court challenge to the ballot underway, in which case the county may delay sending ballots but in any case must send no later than 14 days prior to an election; SB 10 seeks to move the deadline related to that exception back to 28 days, but retain the requirement that counties still send the ballot as soon as it is ready and available otherwise.