

1 HB174
2 196406-3
3 By Representative Gaston
4 RFD: Constitution, Campaigns and Elections
5 First Read: 19-MAR-19

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2 ENROLLED, An Act,

3 Relating to absentee voting; to authorize the
4 Secretary of State, by rule, to establish procedures to allow
5 a voter to be placed on a permanent absentee voter list upon
6 proof of having a permanent disability preventing the voter's
7 attendance at the polls and to vote by absentee ballot on an
8 on-going basis.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

10 Section 1. (a) Notwithstanding Sections 17-11-3,
11 17-11-4, and 17-11-5, Code of Alabama 1975, a qualified voter
12 who has a permanent disability preventing his or her
13 attendance at the polls may vote by absentee ballot in
14 accordance with this section.

15 (b) The Secretary of State shall adopt rules that
16 provide a process for a voter who has a permanent disability
17 to be placed on an absentee voter list and have a ballot
18 automatically mailed to him or her before each election. The
19 rules shall include, but not be limited to, all of the
20 following:

21 (1) An application procedure for permanently
22 disabled voters to vote by absentee ballot on an on-going
23 basis. The procedure shall require that the application form
24 be signed and notarized by the disabled voter's primary
25 physician.

1 (2) A procedure for verifying the identity of a
2 voter and determining that the voter has a permanent
3 disability preventing his or her attendance at the polls.

4 (3) A procedure for the voter to apply to the
5 absentee ballot manager on an annual basis.

6 (4) A procedure for automatically mailing absentee
7 ballots before each election in a timely manner to permanently
8 disabled voters who have been placed on the absentee voter
9 list.

10 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
11 first day of the third month following its passage and
12 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was passed by the House 25-APR-19.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate	23-MAY-19	Amended and Passed
House	28-MAY-19	Concurred in Senate Amendment