

SENATE No. 2755

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

—
In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)
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SENATE, June 9, 2020.

The committee on Senate Ways and Means to whom was referred the House Bill relative to voting options in response to COVID-19 (House, No. 4778); reports, recommending that the same ought to pass with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2755. (Operating Costs: \$8,000,000)

For the committee,
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1 SECTION 1. Subsection (b) of section 25B of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2018 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the last sentence and
3 inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- No application shall be deemed to be
4 seasonably filed unless it is received in the office of the city or town clerk or registrars of voters
5 before 5 P.M. on the seventh day preceding the election.

6 SECTION 2. Said section 25B of said chapter 54, as so appearing, is hereby further
7 amended by striking out subsection (c) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

8 (c) The voting period for in person early voting shall run from the eleventh business day
9 preceding the general election until the close of business on the business day preceding the
10 business day before the election; provided, however, that if the eleventh business day before the
11 election falls on a legal holiday the early voting period shall begin on the first business day prior
12 to the legal holiday. The voting period for early voting by mail shall begin as soon as all
13 necessary early voting materials have been received by the local election official pursuant to
14 subsection (h).

15 SECTION 3. Section 89 of said chapter 54, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
16 striking out the first paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

17 Any form of written communication evidencing a desire to have an absent voting ballot
18 be sent for use for voting at an election shall be given the same effect as an application made in
19 the form prescribed by the state secretary. No application for an absent voting ballot to be sent by
20 mail shall be deemed to be seasonably filed unless it is received in the office of the city or town
21 clerk or registrars of voters on or before the seventh day preceding the election for which the
22 ballot is being requested; provided, however, that if the seventh day preceding such election is a
23 Sunday or a legal holiday, then it shall be received by such clerk or registrars before 5 P.M. on
24 the last previous day on which such office is open. No application for an absent voting ballot to
25 be voted in person shall be deemed to be seasonably filed unless it is received in the office of the
26 city or town clerk or registrars of voters on or before noon on the day preceding the election for
27 which such absent voting ballot is requested; provided, however, that if the day preceding such
28 election is a Sunday or legal holiday, then it shall be received by such clerk or registrars before 5
29 P.M. on the last previous day on which such office is open. An application by a voter admitted to
30 a health care facility after noon of the seventh day before the relevant election, as provided in
31 subsection (c) of section 91B, may be received up until the time the polls close.

32 SECTION 4. Section 91B of said chapter 54, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
33 striking out, in line 21, the words “after noon of the fifth” and inserting in place thereof the
34 following words:- on or after the seventh.

35 SECTION 5. Section 92 of said chapter 54, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
36 striking out, in line 11, the words “eighty-seven, or” and inserting in place thereof the following
37 words:- 87; via a secured municipal drop box, where provided; or.

38 SECTION 6. (a) As used in sections 6 to 14, inclusive, the following words shall, unless
39 the context clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:-

40 “Application”, an application to vote early by mail.

41 “Central registry”, the central registry of voters established pursuant to section 47C of
42 chapter 51 of the General Laws.

43 “General election” or “election”, the general election scheduled for November 3, 2020.

44 “Primary election” or “primary”, the primary election scheduled for September 1, 2020.

45 “Qualified voter” or “voter”, a voter qualified pursuant to section 1 of chapter 51 of the
46 General Laws.

47 “State secretary,” the secretary of the commonwealth.

48 (b) Notwithstanding section 25B of chapter 54 of the General Laws or any other general
49 or special law to the contrary, there shall be early voting by mail for the primary election and
50 general election.

51 (c) The election officers and registrars of every city or town shall allow any qualified
52 voter to cast an early ballot by mail for the primary election and general election and any city or
53 town election held at the same time.

54 (d)(1) The state secretary shall, not later than July 15, 2020, mail to all registered voters
55 who registered to vote before July 15 at their residential addresses or mailing addresses if
56 different from their residential addresses listed in the central registry an application for said voter
57 to be permitted to vote early by mail for the primary election and general election; provided,

58 however, that the state secretary shall not send an application to any voter whose previous
59 application for an absent or early ballot for the primary election or for all elections in calendar
60 year 2020 has been accepted.

61 (2) The state secretary shall include in the information for voters booklet sent in
62 accordance with the provisions of section 54 of chapter 54 at least 2 applications to vote early by
63 mail in the general election and shall include additional information regarding voting options for
64 the general election.

65 (3) (i) The election officers and registrars of every city or town shall include an
66 application for a voter to be permitted to vote early by mail for the primary and general election
67 with the acknowledgement notice sent to any person registering to vote or changing their voter
68 registration address on or after July 15, 2020 and on or before August 22, 2020.

69 (ii) The election officers and registrars of every city or town shall include an application
70 for a voter to be permitted to vote early by mail for the general election with the
71 acknowledgement notice sent to any person registering to vote or changing their voter
72 registration address on or after September 14, 2020 and on or before October 24, 2020.

73 (4) The applications required pursuant to this subsection shall be in a form prescribed by
74 the state secretary in accordance with state and federal law; provided, however, that said
75 applications shall : (i) include clear instructions for completing and returning the application; and
76 (ii) be pre-addressed to the local election official with postage guaranteed.

77 (5)(i) Each application mailed pursuant to this subsection shall be provided in any
78 language required by the bilingual election requirements of the federal Voting Rights Act, 52
79 U.S.C. § 10503.

80 (ii) Each application mailed to a voter in the city of Boston pursuant to this subsection
81 shall include an option, which shall appear prominently on the application, to request a ballot
82 printed in any language available at the voter's polling location pursuant to chapter 166 of the
83 acts of 2014.

84 (6) The applications required pursuant to this subsection shall be made available on the
85 websites of the state secretary and the election officers and registrars of every city or town.

86 (e)(1) A voter wishing to vote early by mail in the primary election shall complete the
87 application to vote early by mail and shall return said application to the appropriate city or town
88 clerk. Any form of written communication evidencing a desire to have an early voting ballot be
89 sent for use for voting for the primary election shall be given the same effect as an application
90 made in the form prescribed by the state secretary. Applications to vote early by mail for the
91 primary election shall be acceptable if they are signed or submitted electronically; provided,
92 however, that any electronic signature shall be written in substantially the same manner as a
93 handwritten signature.

94 (2) No application to vote early by mail in the primary election shall be deemed to be
95 seasonably filed unless it is received in the office of the local election official before 5 P.M. on
96 Tuesday, August 25, 2020.

97 (f)(1) A voter wishing to vote early by mail in the general election shall complete the
98 application and shall return said application to the appropriate city or town clerk. Applications to
99 vote early by mail for the general election shall be acceptable if they are signed or submitted
100 electronically; provided, however, that any electronic signature shall be written in substantially
101 the same manner as a handwritten signature.

102 (2) No application to vote early by mail in the general election shall be deemed to be
103 seasonably filed unless it is received in the office of the local election official before 5 P.M. on
104 Tuesday, October 27, 2020.

105 (g)(1) Early voting ballots authorized pursuant to this section shall be mailed by the city
106 or town clerk to voters as soon as such materials are available; provided, however, that said
107 mailing shall include: (i) instructions for early voting; (ii) instructions for completing the ballot;
108 (iii) an inner envelope where the ballot is placed after voting which contains an affidavit of
109 compliance to be filled out by the voter; and (iv) an outer envelope that is addressed to the local
110 election official with postage guaranteed; provided, that a voter who has seasonably filed an
111 application may receive an early voting ballot in person at the office of the city or town clerk.

112 (2) Each early voting ballot authorized pursuant to this section shall be provided to the
113 voter in the language required pursuant to paragraph (5) of subsection (d); provided, that if the
114 voter did not select a language, the ballot shall be provided bilingually in English and Spanish.

115 (h)(1) A voter in receipt of an early voting ballot for the primary election pursuant to this
116 section may complete and return the ballot by: (i) delivering it in person to the office of the
117 appropriate city or town clerk; (ii) dropping it in a secured municipal drop box; or (iii) mailing it
118 to the appropriate city or town clerk.

119 (2) A voter in receipt of an early voting ballot for the general election pursuant to this
120 section may complete and return the ballot by: (i) delivering it in person to the office of the
121 appropriate city or town clerk; (ii) dropping it in a secured municipal drop box; or (iii) mailing it
122 to the appropriate city or town clerk.

123 (3) All early voting ballots submitted by mail, delivered in person to the office of the city
124 or town clerk or returned to a secured municipal drop box as provided by this section shall be
125 received by the city or town clerk before the hour fixed for closing the polls on the day of the
126 primary election or general election; provided, however, that an early voting ballot cast for the
127 general election that is returned by mail and postmarked not later than November 3, 2020 shall
128 be received by the city or town clerk by 5 P.M. on Friday, November 6, 2020.

129 (i) A voter wishing to apply to vote early by mail in the primary or general election and
130 needs accommodation may request such accommodation from the secretary of state. Upon
131 receiving information from the voter pursuant to the application in this section either by phone or
132 electronically, the secretary of state shall grant accommodations to the voter. Accommodations
133 shall include, but are not limited to, clear and electronic instructions for completion and returning
134 of the ballot, an authorized blank electronic ballot that can be filled out electronically and
135 printed, an envelope to return the ballot to the voters town or city clerk and hole punched
136 markers where a wet signature is required for certification. Upon printing the ballot the voter
137 shall place the ballot in the envelope provided by the secretary of state. A voter with
138 accommodations in receipt of an early voting ballot for the primary and or general election
139 pursuant to this section may complete and return the ballot by: (i) delivering it in person to the
140 office of the appropriate city or town clerk; (ii) dropping it in a secured municipal drop box; or
141 (iii) mailing it to the appropriate city or town clerk.

142 SECTION 7. (a) Notwithstanding section 25B of chapter 54 of the General Laws or any
143 other general or special law to the contrary, there shall be early voting in person for the primary
144 election and the general election.

145 (b)(1) The election officers and registrars of every city or town shall allow any qualified
146 voter to cast an early ballot in person for the primary election during the early voting period,
147 which shall begin on Saturday, August 22, 2020 and end on Friday, August 28, 2020. Early
148 voting in person shall also apply to any city or town election held at the same time.

149 (2) The election officers and registrars of every city or town shall allow any qualified
150 voter to cast a ballot in person for the general election during the early voting period, which shall
151 begin on Saturday, October 17, 2020 and end on Friday, October 30, 2020. Early voting in
152 person shall also apply to any city or town election held at the same time.

153 (3) Any qualified voter wishing to vote early in person in the primary or general election
154 may do so at the time, manner and location prescribed in this section.

155 (c)(1) Early voting in person for the primary election shall be conducted on Saturday,
156 August 22, 2020 and Sunday, August 23, 2020, as follows: (i) for municipalities with fewer than
157 5,000 registered voters, for a period of a minimum of 2 hours each day; (ii) for municipalities
158 with 5,000 or more registered voters but fewer than 20,000 registered voters, for a period of a
159 minimum of 4 hours each day; (iii) for municipalities with 20,000 or more registered voters but
160 fewer than 40,000 registered voters, for a period of a minimum of 5 hours each day; (iv) for
161 municipalities with 40,000 or more registered voters but fewer than 75,000 registered voters, for
162 a period of a minimum of 6 hours each day; and (v) for municipalities with 75,000 or more
163 registered voters, for a period of a minimum of 8 hours each day. For each other day during the
164 early voting period, early voting shall be conducted during the usual business hours of each city
165 or town clerk. A city or town may, in its discretion, provide for additional early voting hours
166 beyond the hours required by this paragraph.

167 (2) Early voting for the general election shall be conducted on Saturday, October 17,
168 2020, Sunday, October 18, 2020, Saturday, October 24, 2020 and Sunday, October 25, 2020 as
169 follows: (i) for municipalities with fewer than 5,000 registered voters, for a period of a minimum
170 of 2 hours each day; (ii) for municipalities with 5,000 or more registered voters but fewer than
171 20,000 registered voters, for a period of a minimum of 4 hours each day; (iii) for municipalities
172 with 20,000 or more registered voters but fewer than 40,000 registered voters, for a period of a
173 minimum of 5 hours each day; (iv) for municipalities with 40,000 or more registered voters but
174 fewer than 75,000 registered voters, for a period of a minimum of 6 hours each day; and (v) for
175 municipalities with 75,000 or more registered voters, for a period of a minimum of 8 hours each
176 day. For each other day during the early voting period, early voting shall be conducted during the
177 usual business hours of each city or town clerk. A city or town may, in its discretion, provide for
178 additional early voting hours beyond the hours required by this paragraph.

179 (d)(1) Each city and town shall establish an early voting site for the primary election and
180 an early voting site for the general election that shall include the election office for the city or
181 town; provided, however, that if the city or town determines that the office is unavailable or
182 unsuitable for early voting in either the primary election or general election, the registrars of each
183 city or town shall identify and provide for an alternative centrally-located, suitable and
184 convenient public building within that city or town as an early voting site. A city or town may
185 also provide for additional early voting sites for the primary election or general election at the
186 discretion of the registrars for that city or town. Each early voting site shall be accessible to
187 persons with disabilities in accordance with federal law.

188 (2) The designation of early voting sites for the primary election shall be made not later
189 than August 7, 2020. Not later than August 14, 2020, and at least once during the voting period,

190 the registrars for each city or town shall post the location of the early voting sites as well as the
191 applicable dates and hours. Notice shall be conspicuously posted: (i) in the office of the city or
192 town clerk or on the principal official bulletin board of each city or town; (ii) on any other public
193 building considered necessary; (iii) on the city or town's website, if any; and (iv) on the website
194 of the state secretary.

195 (3) The designation of early voting sites for the general election shall be made not later
196 than October 2, 2020. Not later than October 9, 2020, and at least once during the voting period,
197 the registrars for each city or town shall post the location of the early voting sites as well as the
198 applicable dates and hours. Notice shall be conspicuously posted: (i) in the office of the city or
199 town clerk or on the principal official bulletin board of each city or town; (ii) on any other public
200 building considered necessary; (iii) on the city or town's website, if any; and (iv) on the website
201 of the state secretary.

202 (e) A qualified voter voting early in person shall be provided with a ballot and an
203 envelope where the ballot is placed after voting which contains an affidavit of compliance to be
204 filled out by the voter. A qualified voter voting early in person shall complete an affidavit under
205 the regulations promulgated pursuant to this act, which shall include a notice of penalties under
206 section 26 of chapter 56 of the General Laws.

207 (f) Prior to the beginning of early voting, the registrars for each city or town shall prepare
208 a list for the early voting sites, containing the names and residences of all persons qualified to
209 vote at each voting site, as the names and residences appear upon the annual register, and shall
210 reasonably transmit the applicable list to the election officers at each early voting site designated
211 by the registrars.

212 (g) The registrar or presiding official at the early voting site shall cause to be placed on
213 the voting lists opposite the name of a qualified voter who participates in early voting the letters
214 “EV” designating an early voter.

215 (h) The registrars shall prepare lists of all voters casting ballots pursuant to this section or
216 section 6 during the early voting period and update the voter list in a manner prescribed by the
217 state secretary.

218 (i) A city or town may opt to detail a sufficient number of police officers or constables
219 for each early voting site for the primary election at the expense of the city or town to preserve
220 order, protect the election officers and supervisors from any interference with their duties and aid
221 in enforcing the laws relating to elections.

222 (j) No early voting ballot cast under this section or section 6 shall be counted if the
223 officer charged with the duty of counting the ballot is cognizant of the fact that the voter has died
224 prior to the opening of the polls on the day of the primary or general elections, or in the case of
225 ballots that are processed pursuant to subsection (k), prior to depositing such ballot into a
226 tabulator or a ballot box.

227 (k) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, any absent ballot cast
228 pursuant to section 86 of chapter 54 of the General Laws or any early voting ballot cast pursuant
229 to this section or section 6 may be deposited into a tabulator or a ballot box in a municipality or
230 precinct that uses paper ballots, in advance of the date of the primary or the general election. All
231 ballots received pursuant to this section or section 6 may be opened in advance of the date of the
232 primary or the general election, in accordance with regulations promulgated by the state
233 secretary; provided, that such ballots shall be kept secured, locked and unexamined, and that no

234 results shall be determined or announced until after the time polls close on the date of the
235 primary or the general election. Disclosing any such result before such time shall be punished as
236 a violation of section 14 of said chapter 56. Not later than August 1, 2020, the state secretary
237 shall promulgate emergency regulations regarding the advance depositing of ballots.

238 SECTION 8. (a) Not later than August 3, 2020, the state secretary shall deliver to each
239 city or town, in quantities as the state secretary determines necessary, the following papers: (i)
240 official absentee and early voting ballots for the primary election, similar to the official ballot to
241 be used at the primary election; provided, however, that a sufficient quantity of such ballots are
242 printed in the languages necessary to accommodate the selection of a bilingual ballot by voters
243 pursuant to paragraph 5 of subsection (d) of section 6; (ii) envelopes of sufficient size to contain
244 the ballots specified in clause (i) bearing on their reverse the voter's affidavit in compliance with
245 the requirements of subsection (j) of section 25B of chapter 54 of the General Laws; (iii) return
246 envelopes for any ballot requested for voting by mail pre-addressed to the local election official
247 with postage guaranteed; and (iv) instructions for voting by mail to be sent to each voter who
248 requests to cast a ballot by mail.

249 (b) Not later than October 9, 2020, the state secretary shall deliver to each city or town, in
250 quantities as the state secretary determines necessary, the following papers: (i) official absentee
251 and early voting ballots, for the general election, similar to the official ballot to be used at the
252 general election; provided, however, that a sufficient quantity of such ballots are printed in the
253 languages necessary to accommodate the selection of a bilingual ballot by voters pursuant to
254 paragraph 5 of subsection (d) of section 6; (ii) envelopes of sufficient size to contain the ballots
255 specified in clause (i) bearing on their reverse the voter's affidavit in compliance with the
256 requirements of subsection (j) of said section 25B of said chapter 54; (iii) return envelopes for

257 any ballot requested for voting by mail pre-addressed to the local election official with postage
258 guaranteed; and (iv) instructions for voting by mail to be sent to each voter who requests to cast a
259 ballot by mail.

260 SECTION 9. (a) Sections 37 and 38 of chapter 53 of the General Laws shall apply to
261 unenrolled voters and voters enrolled in political designations voting early in the primary
262 election. The registrar or presiding official at the early voting site shall cause the name of the
263 party of the ballot being voted to be recorded on the voting list. Once the party selection has been
264 recorded on the voting list, a voter cannot request or vote on the ballot of another party.

265 (b) The counting of early voting ballots including, but not limited to, informing election
266 officers and any challengers present under section 85A of chapter 54 of the General Laws shall
267 be set by 950 C.M.R. § 47.00, so far as applicable. All envelopes referred to in this section shall
268 be retained with the ballots cast at the primary election and shall be preserved and destroyed in
269 the manner provided by law for the retention, preservation or destruction of official ballots.

270 (c) The provisions of 950 C.M.R. § 47.00 shall apply to early voting at the primary
271 election to the extent feasible; provided, however, that the state secretary shall promulgate rules
272 to accommodate the dates set forth herein.

273 SECTION 10. Notwithstanding section 25B of chapter 54 of the General Laws or any
274 other general or special law to the contrary, the election officers and registrars of every city or
275 town shall allow any qualified voter to vote early by mail for any city or town election held on or
276 before December 31, 2020.

277 SECTION 11. Notwithstanding section 24 of chapter 54 of the General Laws or any other
278 general or special law to the contrary, the select board, board of selectmen, town council or may

279 vote to change any polling place to be used at the primary election or the general election at least
280 15 days prior to the date of the primary election or general election if it is determined that the
281 public convenience or public health would be better served. If the select board, board of
282 selectmen, town council or city council determines that the public convenience or public health
283 would be better served, they may house all polling places in a single building within the
284 municipality, if such building is suitably equipped; provided, however, that alcoholic beverages
285 shall not be served or consumed in that portion of a building used as a polling place, during
286 voting hours or while ballots are being counted therein. In cities, the city council may designate
287 polling places in non-adjacent precincts if they determine the public convenience or public health
288 would be better served. In making a decision to change a polling place, the select board, board of
289 selectmen, town council or city council shall evaluate and report on whether such change would
290 have a disparate impact on access to the polling place on the basis of race, national origin,
291 disability, income or age, and not later than 3 days prior to changing a polling place, shall make
292 publically available on its website and at the office of the town or city clerk a report on its
293 evaluation. When the polling places have been designated pursuant to this section, the board of
294 registrars shall post on the municipal website and at other such places as it may determine, a
295 description of the polling places and shall notify voters by using an electronic means, to the
296 extent available, such as via email or reverse 911 call.

297 SECTION 12. Notwithstanding section 29 of chapter 53 of the General Laws and
298 sections 11, 11B, 12 and 13 of chapter 54 of the General Laws or any other general or special
299 law to the contrary, for the primary election and general election, if there is a deficiency in the
300 number of required election officers, the appointing authority may appoint election officers
301 without regard to political party membership, voter status, residence in the city or town or

302 inclusion on a list filed by a political party committee pursuant to said sections 11B and 12 of
303 said chapter 54. If the position of the warden, clerk or inspector, or the deputy of any such
304 officer, if any, is vacant within the 3 weeks preceding the primary or general election, the city or
305 town clerk may appoint a person to fill the vacancy with a competent person willing to serve and
306 without regard to political party membership, voter status, residence in the city or town or
307 inclusion on a list filed by a political party committee pursuant to said sections 11B and 12 of
308 said chapter 54.

309 SECTION 13. Notwithstanding sections 67 and 83 of chapter 54 of the General Laws or
310 any other general or special law to the contrary, for the primary election and general election, the
311 city or town clerk may eliminate the requirement that a voter provide their name or residence to
312 an election officer at the ballot box and that the election officer mark the name off a voting list
313 before the voter may deposit the ballot in the ballot box.

314 SECTION 14. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the state
315 secretary shall implement a system for the general election to allow a qualified voter to request
316 an early or absentee ballot on the secretary of state's website, to be mailed to the qualified
317 voter's home address a different mailing address as designated by the voter. The state secretary
318 shall, to the extent feasible, have the system operational not later than October 1, 2020.

319 SECTION 15. For an election held on or before December 31, 2020, any person taking
320 precaution related to COVID-19 in response to a declared state of emergency or from guidance
321 from a medical professional, local or state health official or any civil authority shall be deemed
322 to be unable by reason of physical disability to cast their vote in person at a polling location.

323 SECTION 16. Notwithstanding sections 25B and 89 of chapter 54 of the General Laws or
324 any other general or special law to the contrary, applications for early and absentee ballots for all
325 elections held on or before December 31, 2020 shall be acceptable if they are signed or
326 submitted electronically; provided, that any electronic signature shall be written in substantially
327 the same manner as a handwritten signature.

328 SECTION 17. Notwithstanding any other general or special law to the contrary,
329 subsection (c) of section 91B of chapter 54 of the General Laws shall apply to voters who have
330 been instructed by a medical professional or a local or state health official to self-quarantine in
331 their home beginning after noon on the seventh day before the any election held on or before
332 December 31, 2020.

333 SECTION 18. Notwithstanding sections 26 and 28 of chapter 51 of the General Laws or
334 any other general or special law to the contrary, the last day to register to vote for any election
335 taking place on or before December 31, 2020 shall be 10 days before the date of such election;
336 provided, that the board of registrars shall hold a registration session on that date not less than
337 from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. and from 7:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. The voting list to be used for any
338 such election shall include all eligible voters registered as of that date.

339 SECTION 19. The state secretary shall promulgate emergency regulations for the
340 administration and enforcement of this act including, after consulting with the commissioner of
341 the department of public health, regulations requiring public health safeguards at early voting
342 sites and polling places, including required distancing of voters and election officers, frequent
343 use of sanitizers, appropriate clothing and use of marking pens.

344 SECTION 20. Not later than July 15, 2020, the state secretary shall: (i) promulgate
345 regulations for electronic poll books required by section 33I of chapter 54 of the General Laws;
346 and (ii) certify 1 or more types of electronic poll books in time to be used in the 2020 state
347 primary and the general elections, and all future elections, under said section 33I of said chapter
348 54.

349 SECTION 21. The state secretary shall report to the senate and house committee on ways
350 and means and the joint committee on election laws not later than July 1, 2021 on the costs to
351 implement this act, including, but not limited to: (i) the number of ballot applications with
352 postage guaranteed mailed to voters; (ii) the number of ballot applications with postage
353 guaranteed returned requesting a ballot; (iii) the total number of ballots cast by mail; and (iv)
354 total cost and amounts paid for using federal funds.