



2024 South Dakota Legislature
Senate Bill 99
ENROLLED

AN ACT

ENTITLED An Act to modify provisions pertaining to applying for an absentee ballot application and to declare an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

Section 1. That § 12-19-2.1 be AMENDED:

12-19-2.1. At any time prior to an election, a voter may apply for an absentee ballot in person at the office of and to the person in charge of the election during regular office hours or until five p.m. on the day before the election, whichever is later. If the voter applies in person, the voter must complete a combined absentee ballot application/return envelope and show the person in charge of the election the voter's identification card as required in § 12-18-6.1 or complete the affidavit as provided in § 12-18-6.2.

In the event of confinement because of sickness or disability, a qualified voter may apply in writing pursuant to the provisions of § 12-19-2 and obtain an absentee ballot by authorized messenger designated over the signature of the voter. The person in charge of the election shall provide the ballot to be delivered to the qualified voter to the authorized messenger. An application to have a ballot delivered by authorized messenger must be received by the person in charge of the election before three p.m. on the day of the election. If the application designating an authorized messenger also indicates a request for an absentee ballot for any future election, the absentee ballot must be mailed to the address provided on the application. If no address is provided, the ballot must be mailed to the person's voter registration address.

Section 2. Whereas, this Act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

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I certify that the attached Act originated in
the:
Senate as Bill No. 99

Received at this Executive Office
this ____ day of _____,
2024 at _____ M.

Secretary of the Senate

By _____
for the Governor

President of the Senate

The attached Act is hereby
approved this _____ day of
_____, A.D., 2024

Attest:

Secretary of the Senate

Governor

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,

ss.

Office of the Secretary of State

Speaker of the House

Attest:

Filed _____, 2024
at _____ o'clock __ M.

Chief Clerk

Secretary of State

Senate Bill No. 99
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Chapter No. _____

By _____
Asst. Secretary of State