

FIFTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION, 2021

SB 286/a

February 15, 2021

Mr. President:

Your **JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**, to whom has been referred

SENATE BILL 286, as amended

has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it **DO PASS**, amended as follows:

1. On page 7, line 11, after the period, insert "When an application for a mailed ballot is rejected pursuant to this section, the county clerk shall send a notice of rejection to the mailing address on the voter's certificate of registration and, if different, also to the address listed on the voter's application for a mailed ballot."

2. On page 8, between lines 11 and 12, insert a new Subsection M to read:

"M. If the absent voter election board does not complete its work by 11:00 p.m. on election night, the county clerk shall notify the county sheriff's office that a deputy is required to be present to secure the room or facility where uncounted ballots are locked overnight. If the sheriff indicates a sheriff's deputy is unavailable, the county clerk shall notify the secretary of state who shall request state police to assign a patrolman to secure the ballots. The county clerk shall provide as much notice as is practicable in order to secure law enforcement personnel to secure the uncounted ballots overnight. A sheriff's deputy or state police patrolman is required for overnight watch any time the absent voter election board is not present until the return of the absent voter election board. If neither a sheriff's deputy nor a state police patrolman is available, the county clerk or chief deputy shall remain on site until the return of the absent voter election board and shall allow any challenger or observer to remain present, as well."

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3. Reletter the succeeding subsections accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Cervantes, Chairman

Adopted _____ Not Adopted _____
(Chief Clerk) (Chief Clerk)

Date _____

The roll call vote was 9 For 0 Against

Yes: 9

No: 0

Excused: None

Absent: None

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