

**FIFTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION, 2021**

March 10, 2021

Mr. Speaker:

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. Strike Senate Judiciary Committee Amendment 2.
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 room or facility where uncounted ballots are locked overnight. 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.".,

Respectfully submitted,

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Gail Chasey, Chair

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Adopted \_\_\_\_\_ Not Adopted \_\_\_\_\_  
(Chief Clerk) (Chief Clerk)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

The roll call vote was 9 For 1 Against  
Yes: 9  
No: Townsend  
Excused: Cook, Louis  
Absent: None

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