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Mr. Speaker,

The Government Operations Committee reports a favorable recommendation on **S.B. 33**, POLITICAL PROCEDURES AMENDMENTS, by Senator W. A. Harper, with the following amendments:

1. *Page 3, Line 82:*

82 20A-3-304, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 206

20A-3-305, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapters 235 and 327

2. *Page 101, Line 3128 through Page 102, Line 3130:*

3128 (e) The clerk shall provide a copy of the absentee voter list to election officers for
use

3129 in elections.

Section 45. Section 20A-3-305 is amended to read:

**20A-3-305. Mailing of ballot to voter -- Enclose self-addressed envelope --
Affidavit.**

(1) (a) Upon timely receipt of an absentee voter application properly filled out and signed less than 30 days before the election, the election officer shall either:

(i) give the applicant an official absentee ballot and envelope to vote in the office; or

(ii) mail an official absentee ballot, postage paid, to the absentee voter and enclose an envelope printed as required in Subsection (2).

(b) No **sooner than 21 days before election day, and no** later than ~~{-21~~
~~-}~~ **14** days before election day, the election officer shall mail an official absentee ballot, postage paid, to all absentee voters, other than to a uniformed-service voter or an overseas voter, who have submitted a properly filled out and signed absentee voter application before the day on which the ballots are mailed and enclose an envelope printed as required by Subsection (2).

(2) The election officer shall ensure that:

(a) the name, official title, and post office address of the election officer is printed on the front of the envelope;

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(b) the return envelope includes a space where a voter may write an email address and phone number by which the election officer may contact the voter if the voter's ballot is rejected; and

(c) the following is printed on the back of the envelope:

(i) a printed affidavit in substantially the following form:

"County of ____

State of ____

I, ____, solemnly swear that: I am a qualified resident voter of the ____ voting precinct in ____ County, Utah and that I am entitled to vote in that voting precinct at the next election. I am not a convicted felon currently incarcerated for commission of a felony.

Signature of Absentee Voter"; and

(ii) a warning that the affidavit must be signed by the individual to whom the ballot was sent and that the ballot will not be counted if the signature on the affidavit does not match the signature on file with the election officer of the individual to whom the ballot was sent.

(3) If the election officer determines that the absentee voter is required to show valid voter identification, the election officer shall:

(a) issue the voter a provisional ballot in accordance with Section 20A-3-105.5;

(b) instruct the voter to include a copy of the voter's valid voter identification with the return ballot;

(c) provide the voter clear instructions on how to vote a provisional ballot; and

(d) comply with the requirements of Subsection (2).

3130 Section {~~45~~} 46. Section **20A-3-306** is amended to read:

Renumber remaining sections accordingly.

Respectfully,

John Knotwell
Chair

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