

HB0156/483629/1

BY: Government, Labor, and Elections Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 156
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the top of the page, strike “EMERGENCY BILL”; in the sponsor line, strike “**and Wu**” and substitute “**Wu, Schmidt, Solomon, Lehman, Stewart, and Terrasa**”; in line 4, strike “during” and substitute “before”; in the same line, after “election” insert “or at a precinct polling place on a primary election day”; in line 9, after “(e),” insert “3–306(a) and (e).”; and in line 14, after “3–305(e)” insert “and 3–306(e)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 27, after “CENTER” insert “**OR AT A PRECINCT POLLING PLACE ON ELECTION DAY**”.

On page 3, after line 19, insert:

“3–306.

(a) **(1)** On election day, an individual may appear at a precinct polling place in the individual’s county of residence and apply to register to vote.

(2) ON A PRIMARY ELECTION DAY, AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS DECLINED TO AFFILIATE WITH A POLITICAL PARTY MAY APPEAR IN PERSON AT A PRECINCT POLLING PLACE IN THE INDIVIDUAL’S COUNTY OF RESIDENCE AND APPLY TO CHANGE THE VOTER’S EXISTING VOTER REGISTRATION TO AFFILIATE WITH A POLITICAL PARTY.

(E) **(1)** WHEN A VOTER WHO HAS DECLINED TO AFFILIATE WITH A POLITICAL PARTY APPLIES TO CHANGE THE VOTER’S EXISTING VOTER REGISTRATION TO AFFILIATE WITH A POLITICAL PARTY AT A PRECINCT POLLING

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PLACE ON A PRIMARY ELECTION DAY, THE ELECTION JUDGE SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER THE VOTER RESIDES IN THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE VOTER SEEKS TO VOTE.

(2) IF THE VOTER IS A RESIDENT OF THE COUNTY, THE ELECTION JUDGE SHALL:

(I) ISSUE THE VOTER A VOTER AUTHORITY CARD;

(II) HAVE THE VOTER SIGN THE VOTER AUTHORITY CARD;

AND

(III) ISSUE THE VOTER A PROVISIONAL BALLOT FOR THE APPROPRIATE POLITICAL PARTY.

[(e)] (F) The State Board shall adopt regulations and procedures in accordance with the requirements of this section for the administration of voter registration on election day.”;

in line 31, strike “DURING” and substitute “AT AN”; in the same line, after “VOTING” insert “CENTER”; and in line 32, after “ELECTION” insert “OR AT A PRECINCT POLLING PLACE ON A PRIMARY ELECTION DAY”.

On page 4, in line 14, strike “DURING” and substitute “AT AN”; in line 15, after “VOTING” insert “CENTER”; in the same line, after “ELECTION” insert “OR AT A PRECINCT POLLING PLACE ON A PRIMARY ELECTION DAY”; and strike beginning with “is” in line 18 down through “enacted” in line 22 and substitute “;

(1) shall apply to all elections beginning with the statewide primary election held in 2028; and

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(2) may not apply to any special elections held before the statewide primary election held in 2028.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect January 1, 2027”.