Bill Summary

2nd Session of the 57th Legislature

Bill No.: SB 210 Version: HASB

Request No.:

Author: Sen. Treat Date: 05/07/2020

Bill Analysis

SB 210 clarifies that any notarial act, oath, or affidavit as it relates to voting requirements are not permitted to be satisfied by the requirement to provide a written statement under penalty of perjury. The measure provides alternative voting procedures for an election conducted during the COVID-19 pandemic as it relates to absentee ballots. The measure authorizes voters to request an absentee ballot and attach a photocopy of a form of identification to the affidavit, in lieu of having the affidavit notarized and his or her signature witnessed by 2 people. The measure also authorizes the delivery of absentee ballots to designated officials of care homes in the event an absentee voting board is prohibited from entering a nursing facility or veterans center due to restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic or another localized outbreak of a communicable disease. The measure also defines modifies the criteria to qualify as "physically incapacitated" for purposes of requesting an absentee ballot to include COVID-19-related health issues.

Prepared by: Kalen Taylor