

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB 1515</b>
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**Research Analysis**

The committee amendment to HB 1515 replaces the word "date" with the word "dates" in section two of the measure. In effect, the amendment allows a registered voter to request an absentee ballot for more than one election date.

HB 1515, as amended, requires registered voters to provide a statement explaining why they cannot vote early in-person or on election day due to certain reasons as outlined in the measure and directs the State Election Board to provide a standardized form for this statement.

Reasons to request an absentee ballot as outlined in the measure include:

- Absent from the jurisdiction;
- Illness or disability;
- Employment-related;
- Education-related;
- Military service;
- Religion;
- Serving as an election official;
- Being 75 years of age or older; and
- Serving on jury duty.

Failure to submit the statement will result in denial of the absentee ballot application. The measure further requires that absentee ballot applications specify the election dates for which the ballots are requested and establishes that applications are valid only for the elections on those specified dates.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

The committee amendment to HB 1515 effectively permits registered voters to request absentee ballots for multiple election dates. The measure, as amended, does not materially alter the prior fiscal impact statement. Any administrative cost associated with implementation of the measure is anticipated to be minimal and absorbed by existing agency resources within the State Election Board.

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**Other Considerations**

None.

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