

H. B. No. 680  
As Introduced

\_\_\_\_\_ moved to amend as follows:

In line 1 of the title, after "sections" insert "3509.01,"; after 1  
"3509.04" insert ", 3509.051" 2

In line 10, after "sections" insert "3509.01,"; after "3509.04" 3  
insert ", 3509.051" 4

After line 107, insert: 5

**"Sec. 3509.01.** (A) The board of elections of each county 6  
shall provide absent voter's ballots for use at every primary 7  
and general election, or special election to be held on the day 8  
specified by division (E) of section 3501.01 of the Revised Code 9  
for the holding of a primary election, designated by the general 10  
assembly for the purpose of submitting constitutional amendments 11  
proposed by the general assembly to the voters of the state. 12  
Those ballots shall be the same size, shall be printed on the 13  
same kind of paper, and shall be in the same form as has been 14  
approved for use at the election for which those ballots are to 15  
be voted; except that, in counties using marking devices, ballot 16  
cards may be used for absent voter's ballots, and those absent 17  
voters shall be instructed to record the vote in the manner 18

provided on the ballot cards. 19

(B) The rotation of names of candidates and questions and 20  
issues shall be substantially complied with on absent voter's 21  
ballots, within the limitation of time allotted. Those ballots 22  
shall be designated as "Absent Voter's Ballots." Except as 23  
otherwise provided in division (D) of this section, those 24  
ballots shall be printed and ready for use as follows: 25

(1) For overseas voters and absent uniformed services 26  
voters eligible to vote under the Uniformed and Overseas 27  
Citizens Absentee Voting Act, Pub. L. No. 99-410, 100 Stat. 924, 28  
42 U.S.C. 1973ff, et seq., as amended, ballots shall be printed 29  
and ready for use other than in person on the forty-sixth day 30  
before the day of the election. 31

(2) For all voters, other than overseas voters and absent 32  
uniformed services voters, who are applying to vote absent 33  
voter's ballots other than in person, ballots shall be printed 34  
and ready for use on the first day after the close of voter 35  
registration before the election. 36

(3) For all voters who are applying to vote absent voter's 37  
ballots in person, ballots shall be printed and ready for use 38  
beginning on the first day after the close of voter registration 39  
before the election. 40

~~If, at the time for the close of in person absent voting 41  
on a particular day, there are voters waiting in line to cast 42  
their ballots, the in-person absent voting location shall be 43  
kept open until such waiting voters have cast their absent- 44  
voter's ballots. 45~~

(C) Absent voter's ballots provided for use at a general 46  
or primary election, or special election to be held on the day 47

specified by division (E) of section 3501.01 of the Revised Code 48  
for the holding of a primary election, designated by the general 49  
assembly for the purpose of submitting constitutional amendments 50  
proposed by the general assembly to the voters of the state, 51  
shall include only those questions, issues, and candidacies that 52  
have been lawfully ordered submitted to the electors voting at 53  
that election. 54

(D) If the laws governing the holding of a special 55  
election on a day other than the day on which a primary or 56  
general election is held make it impossible for absent voter's 57  
ballots to be printed and ready for use by the deadlines 58  
established in division (B) of this section, absent voter's 59  
ballots for those special elections shall be ready for use as 60  
many days before the day of the election as reasonably possible 61  
under the laws governing the holding of that special election. 62

(E) A copy of the absent voter's ballots shall be 63  
forwarded by the director of the board in each county to the 64  
secretary of state at least twenty-five days before the 65  
election." 66

In line 157, delete ". A person who wishes to receive absent" 67

In line 158, delete "voter's ballots"; strike through "in person"; 68  
delete "at"; strike through "the office of the board"; delete "shall" 69

Delete line 159 70

In line 160, delete "last Friday before the day of the election" 71

After line 261, insert: 72

**"Sec. 3509.051.** Notwithstanding section 3509.05 or any 73  
other provision of the Revised Code to the contrary, all of the 74  
following shall apply to the casting of absent voter's ballots 75

in person:	76
<del>(A)–The</del> <u>(1) Absent voter's ballots shall be available to</u>	77
<u>cast in person beginning on the day after the close of voter</u>	78
<u>registration and ending at 2:00 p.m. on the day before the day</u>	79
<u>of the election.</u>	80
<u>(2) Beginning on the third Monday before the day of the</u>	81
<u>election, absent voter's ballots shall be available to cast in</u>	82
<u>person during regular business hours and during evening and</u>	83
<u>weekend hours.</u>	84
<u>(3) If, at the time for the close of in-person absent</u>	85
<u>voting on a particular day, there are voters waiting in line to</u>	86
<u>cast their ballots, the in-person absent voting location shall</u>	87
<u>be kept open until such waiting voters have cast their absent</u>	88
<u>voter's ballots.</u>	89
<u>(B) An in-person</u> absent voter shall provide identification	90
to the election officials in the same manner as one of the	91
following:	92
(1) As a voter who casts a ballot in person on the day of	93
an election is required to provide identification under section	94
3505.18 of the Revised Code; or	95
(2) As a voter who casts an absent voter's ballot is	96
required to submit a completed written application for an absent	97
voter's ballot under section 3509.03 of the Revised Code.	98
<del>(B)–(C)</del> <u>(C)</u> The absent voter shall not be required to complete	99
a statement of voter on an absent voter's ballot identification	100
envelope.	101
<del>(C)–(D)</del> <u>(D)</u> The board of elections shall provide a signature	102
book to be signed by absent voters who are casting their ballots	103

in person. 104

~~(D)~~ (E) No person other than an election official shall be 105  
permitted to challenge the right to vote of an absent voter who 106  
is casting a ballot in person. An election official may 107  
challenge the right to vote of an absent voter who is casting a 108  
ballot in person in the same manner as a precinct election 109  
official may challenge the right to vote of an elector on the 110  
day of an election under section 3505.20 or 3513.19 of the 111  
Revised Code. 112

~~(E)~~ (F) No absent voter may receive a replacement ballot 113  
after the voter's absent voter's ballot has been scanned or 114  
entered into automatic tabulating equipment." 115

In line 534, delete ". A person who wishes to receive" 116

In line 535, delete "uniformed services or overseas absent voter's 117  
ballots"; strike through "in person" 118

In line 536, delete the first "at"; strike through "the office of 119  
the board"; delete "shall appear at the office of the" 120

Delete line 537 121

In line 538, delete "of the election" 122

In line 662, after "sections" insert "3509.01,"; after "3509.04" 123  
insert ", 3509.051" 124

The motion was \_\_\_\_\_ agreed to.

SYNOPSIS 125

**In-person absent voting days and hours** 126

<b>R.C. 3509.01, 3509.03, 3509.051, and 3511.02</b>	127
Requires absent voter's ballots to be available to cast in person beginning on the day after the close of voter registration and ending at 2:00 p.m. on the day before the day of the election.	128 129 130 131
Specifies that, beginning on the third Monday before the day of the election, absent voter's ballots must be available to cast in person during regular business hours and during evening and weekend hours.	132 133 134 135