Amendment No. AM_133_2636

<u>H. B. No. 680</u>
As Introduced

_____ moved to amend as follows:

In line 3 of the title, after "3501.19" insert ", 3509.031"   1

In line 7 of the title, delete "deadlines" and insert "procedures"   2

In line 11, after "3501.19" insert ", 3509.031"   3

In line 108, after "provided" insert "<u>in section 3509.031 and</u>"   4

In line 146, strike through "(D)" and insert "<u>(D)(1)</u>"   5

In line 151, delete "<u>An</u>" and insert "<u>Except as otherwise provided in</u>   6
<u>division (D)(2) of this section, each</u>"   7

After line 160, insert: 8

"<u>(2) An application for absent voter's ballots submitted</u>   9
<u>through the online system described in section 3509.031 of the</u>   10
<u>Revised Code shall be submitted through the system not earlier</u>   11
<u>than the first day of January of the year of the election for</u>   12
<u>which the absent voter's ballots are requested or not earlier</u>   13
<u>than ninety days before the day of the election at which the</u>   14
<u>ballots are to be voted, whichever is earlier, and not later</u>   15
<u>than twelve noon on the tenth day before the day of the election</u>   16
<u>at which the ballots are to be voted.</u>"   17

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After line 176, insert: 18

"**Sec. 3509.031.** (A) The secretary of state shall establish   19
a secure online system for electors to apply for absent voter's   20
ballots. The system shall provide for all of the following: 21

(1) An elector to submit an application online through the   22
internet to vote in an election by absent voter's ballots. The   23
system shall permit the elector to submit the application not   24
earlier than the first day of January of the year of the   25
election or not earlier than ninety days before the day of the   26
election, whichever is earlier.   27

(2) The secretary of state to transmit the completed   28
application to the board of elections of the county in which the   29
elector resides;   30

(3) The elector to be sent proper absent voter's ballots   31
for the applicable election in accordance with section 3509.04   32
of the Revised Code, if all of the following apply: 33

(a) The application contains all of the information   34
required under section 3509.03 of the Revised Code.   35

(b) The elector is registered to vote and eligible to vote   36
in the election for which the elector is seeking absent voter's   37
ballots.   38

(c) The elector attests to the truth and accuracy of the   39
information submitted in the online application under penalty of   40
election falsification using the elector's birth date and the   41
elector's Ohio driver's license number, the elector's Ohio   42
identification card number, or the last four digits of the   43
elector's social security number as proof of the elector's   44
identity.   45

    (d) The elector submits the application through the online   46

system not later than twelve noon on the third day before the   47

day of the election at which the ballots are to be voted.   48

    (B) If an elector applies to vote by absent voter's   49

ballots under this section, the secretary of state shall obtain   50

an electronic copy of the elector's signature that is on file   51

with the statewide voter registration database. That electronic   52

signature shall be used as the elector's signature on the absent   53

voter's ballot application for the purpose of matching the   54

signature with the elector's signature on the elector's voter   55

registration record.   56

    (C) The secretary of state shall employ security measures   57

necessary to ensure the integrity and accuracy of information   58

submitted electronically pursuant to this section. Errors in   59

processing applications for absent voter's ballots in the online   60

system shall not prevent an elector from receiving absent   61

voter's ballots."   62

    In line 185, strike through "section" and insert "sections"; after   63

"3509.03" insert "and 3509.031"   64

The motion was _____ agreed to.

<div align="center">SYNOPSIS   65</div>

Online absentee ballot requests   66

R.C. 3509.03, 3509.031, and 3509.04   67

    Requires the Secretary of State to create a secure online   68

system for electors to request absentee ballots.   69