On page 3, line 14, of the Introduced bill, delete "Thursday" and insert "Monday"

On page 3, line 22, of the Introduced bill, after "envelope" delete " and provide the identification information pursuant to § 12-19-4"

On page 3, line 28, of the Introduced bill, delete "Authorizing" and insert " Providing the ballot to"

On page 3, after line 29, of the Introduced bill, insert: "

## Section 8. That § 12-19-7.1 be AMENDED:

**12-19-7.1.** No person who is a candidate for any elective office, except for political party offices described in § 12-5-2 or county auditor or such deputy, at the election for which the ballot or ballots are to be voted, may serve as an authorized messenger. <u>A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.</u>"

On page 4, line 33, of the Introduced bill, after "ballot" delete " has died or"

On page 4, line 33, of the Introduced bill, after "to" insert " death,"

On page 5, line 1, of the Introduced bill, after "conviction," insert " or"

On page 5, line 1, of the Introduced bill, after "incompetence" delete ", or registering to voter in another state"

On page 5, line 7, of the Introduced bill, after "voter;" insert " or"

On page 5, line 8, of the Introduced bill, after "voter" delete "; or"

On page 5, line 9, of the Introduced bill, after "or" delete "(4) Unopened by reason of out-of-state voter registration of voter"

On page 7, line 17, of the Introduced bill, after "misdemeanor." delete "Section 16. That § 12-19-49 be AMENDED:"

On page 7, line 18, of the Introduced bill, after "AMENDED:" delete "12-19-49. If, prior to the casting of absentee ballots, the person in charge of the election or absentee ballot counting board shall have has sufficient cause to believe that any voter who has marked and forwarded an absentee ballot has died prior to the opening of the polls on the date of the election, the is no longer an eligible voter due to death, felony conviction, mental incompetence, or registering to vote in another state, the ballot of the voter shall must be returned in the sealed return envelope with the evidence of death the disqualifying factor listed in this section attached and the envelope marked accordingly with one of the following statements:

(1) "Unopened by reason of death of voter";

(2) Unopened by reason of felony conviction of voter;

(3) Unopened by reason of mental incompetence of voter; or

(4) Unopened by reason of out-of-state voter registration by the voter.

The marked envelope must be returned to the person in charge of the election. A returned absentee ballot deemed ineligible may not be opened or counted. The casting of any such ballot, however, shall not invalidate the election."

On page 7, after line 32, of the Introduced bill, insert: "

## Section 17. That § 12-19-49 be REPEALED:

If, prior to the casting of absentee ballots, the person in charge of the election or absentee ballot counting board shall have sufficient cause to believe that any voter who has marked and forwarded an absentee ballot has died prior to the opening of the polls on the date of the election, the ballot of the voter shall be returned in the sealed return envelope with the evidence of death attached and the envelope marked "Unopened by reason of death of voter" to the person in charge of the election. The casting of any such ballot, however, shall not invalidate the election."

On page 7, after line 32, of the Introduced bill, insert: "

## Section 18. That § 12-19-54 be AMENDED:

**12-19-54.** No person may employ, reward, or compensate any person to assist voters based on the number of voters assisted. Nothing in this section prohibits any person from hiring a person paid on an hourly or salaried basis to assist voters. Any violation of this section is a Class  $\frac{2}{2}$  misdemeanor.

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On page 8, after line 1, of the Introduced bill, insert: "

## Section 19. That § 12-19-55 be AMENDED:

**12-19-55.** No person may receive any wages, reward, or compensation for assisting voters based on the number of voters assisted. Nothing in this section prohibits any person from being employed on an hourly or salaried basis to assist voters. Any violation of this section is a Class  $\frac{2}{2}$  misdemeanor.

On page 8, line 7, of the Introduced bill, after "disability." insert "

The person in charge of the election or their appointed designee may prefill an absentee ballot application for a voter who requests an application. "

On page 8, line 9, of the Introduced bill, delete "A county auditor" and insert " The person in charge of the election"

On page 8, line 10, of the Introduced bill, delete " county auditor's county" and insert " official's jurisdiction"

On page 8, line 11, of the Introduced bill, delete " through the mail or by being delivered by the voter voting by absentee ballot or by an authorized messenger" and insert " pursuant to § 12-19-7"

On page 8, line 17, of the Introduced bill, after "12-19-42" insert ", including a secured and monitored receptacle or container at the office of the individual in charge of the election"

On page 8, line 17, of the Introduced bill, after "12-19-42." insert " The State Board of Elections shall promulgate rules, pursuant to chapter 1-26, prescribing the requirements to ensure the security of the receptacle or container located at the office of the individual in charge of the election."