



2024 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 99

SENATE STATE AFFAIRS ENGROSSED

Introduced by: **Senator Duhamel**

1 **An Act to modify provisions pertaining to applying for an absentee ballot application.**

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 **Section 1. That § 12-19-2.1 be AMENDED:**

4 **12-19-2.1.** ~~At anytime~~ any time prior to an election, a voter may apply for an
 5 absentee ballot in person at the office of and to the person in charge of the election ~~for an~~
 6 ~~absentee ballot~~ during regular office hours ~~up to 5:00~~ or until five p.m. on the day before
 7 the election, whichever is later. If the voter applies in person, the voter ~~shall~~ must
 8 complete a combined absentee ballot application/return envelope and show the person in
 9 charge of the election the voter's identification card as required in § 12-18-6.1 or complete
 10 the affidavit as provided in § 12-18-6.2.

11 In the event of confinement because of sickness or disability, a qualified voter may
 12 apply in writing pursuant to the provisions of § 12-19-2 ~~in writing~~ and obtain an absentee
 13 ballot by authorized messenger ~~so~~ designated over the signature of the voter. The person
 14 in charge of the election ~~may deliver~~ shall provide the ballot to be delivered to the qualified
 15 voter to the authorized messenger ~~a ballot to be delivered to the qualified voter. Any. An~~
 16 application ~~for~~ to have a ballot delivered by authorized messenger must be received by
 17 the person in charge of the election before ~~3:00~~ three p.m. on the day of the election. If
 18 the application designating an authorized messenger also indicates a request for an
 19 absentee ballot for any future election, ~~such~~ the absentee ballot ~~shall~~ must be mailed to
 20 the address provided on the application. If no address is provided, the ballot ~~shall~~ must
 21 be mailed to the person's voter registration address.