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SENATE BILL NO. 391

(By Mr. Steph.....)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section seven, article six-a, chapter three of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to the preparation, printing and delivery of absent voters' ballots.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section seven, article-six-a, chapter three of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Section 7. Preparation, Printing and Delivery of Absent

2 *Voters' Ballots.*—Upon receipt by the circuit clerk of the
3 list of candidates certified by the secretary of state as
4 provided in sections three and six of this article, the

5 ballot commissioners shall immediately proceed with the
6 preparation of a sample official ballot for each political
7 party, shall estimate and determine the number of absent
8 voters' ballots of each kind which will be required, and
9 shall print and deliver such ballots to the clerk of the
10 circuit court as soon as possible, but not later than the
11 twelfth Saturday preceding the day fixed for the primary
12 election. Between the twenty-fifth day of July and the
13 tenth day of August, both inclusive, for the general
14 election to be held in the year one thousand nine
15 hundred fifty-six and each fourth year thereafter and
16 between the eighth and twenty-fifth days of August,
17 both inclusive, for the general election to be held in
18 the year one thousand nine hundred fifty-eight and each
19 fourth year thereafter, the ballot commissioners shall
20 prepare, print and deliver to the clerk of the circuit
21 court such absent voters' ballots as will, in their opinion,
22 be required for such elections, but, in presidential elec-
23 tion years, regardless of the time limits herein fixed,
24 no such ballots shall be printed, until the circuit
25 clerk shall have received from the secretary of state

26 the names of the respective candidates of each party,
27 entitled to a place on said ballot, of its candidates
28 for president and vice president of the United States.

29 The names of such presidential and vice presidential
30 candidates shall be printed on said ballots in accordance
31 with the provisions of section four, article five of this
32 chapter, notwithstanding any other provision of law.

33 In order to lessen the burden of the armed forces in
34 respect to the transportation and distribution of absentee
35 ballots, such ballots may be printed on lightweight paper,
36 if it is available, to the end that the total weight of the
37 ballot and the two envelopes provided for in section
38 twelve of this article shall not exceed eight-tenths of an
39 ounce, if possible, and such ballots shall be valid without
40 regard to other provisions of law respecting weight and
41 quality of paper.

42 If, after the ballots are printed but before they are
43 distributed as provided in the following sections, any
44 change in the names printed thereon should become
45 necessary, the ballot commissioners shall make the neces-

46 sary changes by the use of stickers or by the printing of
47 additional ballots.

48 Except as otherwise specified in this section, prepara-
49 tion, printing and delivery of absent voters' ballots shall
50 be governed by the provisions of section nine, article
51 four, section three, article five, and section fifteen, article
52 six, of chapter three of the code.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.



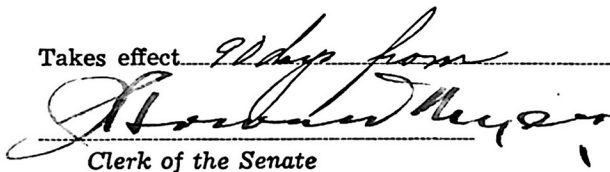
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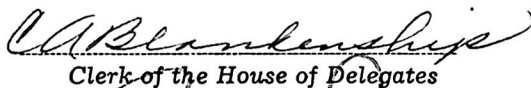
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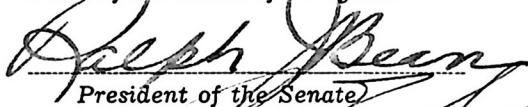
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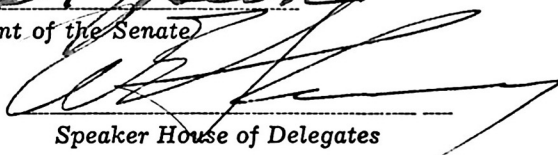
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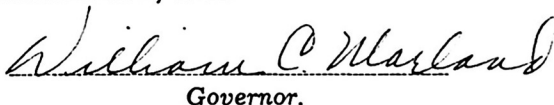


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The within approved this the 16
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