WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
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SENATE BILL NO. 591

(BY Mr.)

PASSED 1955

In Effect: Passage

and in the Office of Secretary of State
MARCH 17, 1955

D. PIT B. O'BRIEN
SECRETARY OF STATE
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 Voters' Ballots.—Upon receipt by the circuit clerk of the list of candidates certified by the secretary of state as provided in sections three and six of this article, the
ballot commissioners shall immediately proceed with the preparation of a sample official ballot for each political party, shall estimate and determine the number of absent voters' ballots of each kind which will be required, and shall print and deliver such ballots to the clerk of the circuit court as soon as possible, but not later than the twelfth Saturday preceding the day fixed for the primary election. Between the twenty-fifth day of July and the tenth day of August, both inclusive, for the general election to be held in the year one thousand nine hundred fifty-six and each fourth year thereafter and between the eighth and twenty-fifth days of August, both inclusive, for the general election to be held in the year one thousand nine hundred fifty-eight and each fourth year thereafter, the ballot commissioners shall prepare, print and deliver to the clerk of the circuit court such absent voters' ballots as will, in their opinion, be required for such elections, but, in presidential election years, regardless of the time limits herein fixed, no such ballots shall be printed, until the circuit clerk shall have received from the secretary of state
the names of the respective candidates of each party, entitled to a place on said ballot, of its candidates for president and vice president of the United States. The names of such presidential and vice presidential candidates shall be printed on said ballots in accordance with the provisions of section four, article five of this chapter, notwithstanding any other provision of law. In order to lessen the burden of the armed forces in respect to the transportation and distribution of absentee ballots, such ballots may be printed on lightweight paper, if it is available, to the end that the total weight of the ballot and the two envelopes provided for in section twelve of this article shall not exceed eight-tenths of an ounce, if possible, and such ballots shall be valid without regard to other provisions of law respecting weight and quality of paper. If, after the ballots are printed but before they are distributed as provided in the following sections, any change in the names printed thereon should become necessary, the ballot commissioners shall make the neces-
sary changes by the use of stickers or by the printing of additional ballots.

Except as otherwise specified in this section, preparation, printing and delivery of absent voters' ballots shall be governed by the provisions of section nine, article four, section three, article five, and section fifteen, article six, of chapter three of the code.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

Takes effect upon passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 16th day of March, 1955.

Governor.

Filed in the Office of the Secretary of State of West Virginia.

Secretary of State