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## Synopsis of Senate Floor Amendments

(As noted in the [LSC Committee Amendment Synopsis](#), the Senate Insurance Committee adopted no amendments. This synopsis addresses the amendment adopted on the Senate floor.)

### H.B. 188 of the 134<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

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#### **2022 primary election – uniformed services and overseas absent voting**

Specifies that, for purposes of the 2022 primary election:

- Uniformed services and overseas absent voter’s ballots must be ready for use not later than 29 days before the election, instead of 46 days before the election.
- Voted uniformed services and overseas absent voter’s ballots must arrive at the board of elections by the 20<sup>th</sup> day after the election, instead of the 10<sup>th</sup> day, but still must be voted by the close of the polls.
- The Secretary of State must take steps to expedite the delivery and return of uniformed services and overseas absent voter’s ballots.
- The Secretary may adjust the deadlines for the boards of elections to conduct the canvass of the election returns, to accommodate the delayed ballot return deadline.

#### **Emergency clause**

Declares an emergency, and specifies that the election provisions described above take effect immediately.