

LEGISLATIVE BILL 565

Approved by the Governor April 15, 2014

Introduced by Nelson, 6; Lautenbaugh, 18; Price, 3.

FOR AN ACT relating to elections; to amend section 32-942, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2013; to change provisions relating to registering to vote and requesting a ballot for early voting at the same time; and to repeal the original section.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 32-942, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2013, is amended to read:

32-942 ~~Any~~ (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2) of this section, a registered voter of this state who anticipates being absent from the county of his or her residence on the day of any election may appear in person before the election commissioner or county clerk not more than thirty days prior to the day of election and obtain his or her ballot. The registered voter shall vote in the office of the election commissioner or county clerk or shall return the ballot to the office not later than the closing of the polls on the day of the election. A registered voter who is present in the county on the day of the election and who chooses to vote on the day of the election shall vote at the polling place assigned to the precinct in which he or she resides unless he or she is returning a ballot for early voting or voting pursuant to section 32-943.

(2) If a person registers to vote and requests a ballot at the same time, he or she shall vote a ballot which is placed in an envelope with the voter's name and address and other necessary identifying information and kept securely for counting as provided in this subsection. This subsection does not extend the deadline for voter registration specified in section 32-302. A ballot cast pursuant to this subsection shall be rejected and shall not be counted if the acknowledgment of registration sent to the registrant pursuant to section 32-322 is returned as undeliverable for a reason other than clerical error within ten days after it is mailed, otherwise after such ten-day period, the ballot shall be counted.

Sec. 2. Original section 32-942, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2013, is repealed.