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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

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RELATING TO ELECTIONS - MAIL BALLOTS

Introduced By: Representatives Blazejewski, Knight, Ackerman, Speakman, and
Williams

Date Introduced: January 22, 2020

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 17-20 of the General Laws entitled "Mail Ballots" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **17-20-9.4. Application by voter who is 65 years of age or older.**

4 (a) A voter who is sixty-five (65) years of age or older may, by signing an affidavit to
5 that effect, request that an absentee ballot application be sent to them automatically thereafter for
6 every election. The affidavit form and instructions shall be prescribed by the secretary of state,
7 and furnished upon request to any elector by each local board of canvassers. The envelope
8 containing the absentee ballot application shall be clearly marked as not forwardable.

9 (b) The affidavit form and instructions prescribed in this section shall be mailed to the
10 applicant along with a stamped return envelope addressed to the local board of canvassers.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would authorize voters who are sixty-five (65) years of age or older to submit a
2 written application for an absentee ballot, to be used for that election and automatically for each
3 subsequent election.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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