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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

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RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- MAIL BALLOTS

Introduced By: Representatives Furtado, Dawson, Kazarian, Messier, Fascia, Read, and
Boylan

Date Introduced: February 13, 2025

Referred To: House State Government & Elections

(Secretary of State)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 17-20-18 of the General Laws in Chapter 17-20 entitled "Mail
2 Ballots" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **17-20-18. Instructions on ballot.**

4 The secretary of state may, if the secretary deems necessary, cause to be printed at the head
5 of the ballot brief instructions for voting and the use of the ballot. ~~The mail~~ [Mail](#) ballots shall, in
6 addition to the official endorsement provided by law, bear the words: "Mail voters", [except for](#)
7 [those ballots cast in conformance with § 17-20-2.2\(g\).](#)

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would exempt emergency mail ballots from the requirement to have certain
- 2 wording regarding "mail voters" on the ballot.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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