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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: Senators Dimitri, Appollonio, Patalano, and Thompson

Date Introduced: April 04, 2025

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

(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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