

HB 287

2012

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to overseas voting; amending s.
3 101.697, F.S.; requiring that the Department of State
4 adopt rules to authorize a supervisor of elections to
5 accept from an overseas voter a request for an
6 absentee ballot or a voted absentee ballot by secure
7 electronic mail; providing an effective date.
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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11 Section 1. Section 101.697, Florida Statutes, is amended
12 to read:

13 101.697 Electronic transmission of election materials.—The
14 Department of State ~~shall determine whether secure electronic~~
15 ~~means can be established for receiving ballots from overseas~~
16 ~~voters. If such security can be established, the department~~
17 shall adopt rules to authorize a supervisor of elections to
18 accept from an overseas voter a request for an absentee ballot
19 or a voted absentee ballot by secure facsimile machine
20 transmission, secure electronic mail, or other secure electronic
21 means. The rules must provide that in order to accept a voted
22 ballot, the verification of the voter must be established, the
23 security of the transmission must be established, and each
24 ballot received must be recorded.

25 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.