

By Senator Wise

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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 to  
12       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.