

ACT #2019- 359

1 HB174
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3 By Representative Gaston
4 RFD: Constitution, Campaigns and Elections
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ENROLLED, An Act,

Relating to absentee voting; to authorize the Secretary of State, by rule, to establish procedures to allow a voter to be placed on a permanent absentee voter list upon proof of having a permanent disability preventing the voter's attendance at the polls and to vote by absentee ballot on an on-going basis.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) Notwithstanding Sections 17-11-3, 17-11-4, and 17-11-5, Code of Alabama 1975, a qualified voter who has a permanent disability preventing his or her attendance at the polls may vote by absentee ballot in accordance with this section.

(b) The Secretary of State shall adopt rules that provide a process for a voter who has a permanent disability to be placed on an absentee voter list and have a ballot automatically mailed to him or her before each election. The rules shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following:

(1) An application procedure for permanently disabled voters to vote by absentee ballot on an on-going basis. The procedure shall require that the application form be signed and notarized by the disabled voter's primary physician.

1 (2) A procedure for verifying the identity of a
2 voter and determining that the voter has a permanent
3 disability preventing his or her attendance at the polls.

4 (3) A procedure for the voter to apply to the
5 absentee ballot manager on an annual basis.

6 (4) A procedure for automatically mailing absentee
7 ballots before each election in a timely manner to permanently
8 disabled voters who have been placed on the absentee voter
9 list.

10 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
11 first day of the third month following its passage and
12 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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Mac McClatchey

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was passed by the House 25-APR-19.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate	<u>23-MAY-19</u>	Amended and Passed
House	<u>28-MAY-19</u>	Concurred in Senate Amendment

APPROVED

6/4/19

TIME

5:00pm

Kay Ivey
GOVERNOR

Alabama Secretary Of State

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