



Online Vote-By-Mail Request

Introducer: Senator Rick Kolowski Bill Number: LB 197

Talking Point #1 – Government Efficiency

Statement: Allowing vote-by-mail applications to be submitted online will speed up processing, save counties money, and reduce human error.

Supporting Statements:

- A Pew Center study found it cost approximately \$.83 to process a paper voter registration application, but only \$.03 to process an electronic application
- Typed names and addresses quicken the processing of the application saving staff time and reducing the number of staff needed
- Typed names and addresses improve accuracy, ensuring the integrity of our elections and reducing costs associated with errors

Talking Point #2 – Impact of Postal Closures

Statement: Online vote-by-mail requests will lessen the impact postal closures have had on election administrators and voters.

Supporting Statements:

- With only one processing center in Omaha, Nebraskans are reporting delays in mail delivery – some letters taking 3-5 days to arrive.
- Voters need to know that their application is going to make it by the deadline, online vote-by-mail requests will provide that peace of mind