

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 58th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB1711
Version:	SAHB
Request Number:	
Author:	Rep. Hill
Date:	5/3/2022
Impact:	Please see previous summary of this measure

Research Analysis

HB 1711 creates a new law to allow electronic delivery of ballots and balloting material to blind individuals. The individual will receive an accessible absentee voting packet either electronically or by mail. Individuals may be given the opportunity to use their own computer and equipment to fill out the ballot and then print it off. Voters will be required to fill out an affidavit and then return the ballot, but cannot do so electronically. The individual may request assistance in filling out their ballot. If an individual who is not blind requests an absentee ballot in this manner, it will be considered a felony.

SAHB for HB1711 specifies that this law will only apply to blind individuals and provides that they may be given the opportunity to use their own computer and equipment to fill out the ballot and then print it off. It also provides that system for electronic delivery of absentee ballots to blind voters may include the same or similar requirements to the system authorized for uniformed services voters.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure is currently under review and impact information will be completed.

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Other Considerations

None.