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In most circumstances, if an election is conducted by mail the measure requires that ballots must be mailed to voters at least 14 days before the election. Upon completing the ballot, the voter must sign the provided envelope and return the ballot. Ballots may be returned by mail, delivered to the county courthouse, or deposited at designated ballot drop-off sites that are secure and publicly accessible 24 hours a day. Ballots must be received by 8:00 p.m. on the date of an election. A ballot will be counted if the auditor determines the voter's signature on the envelope matches the signature in the voter's registration record.

The measure creates felony and misdemeanor criminal offenses related to voting by mail.

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