

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 693

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO ELECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 34-1005, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE
2 PROVISIONS REGARDING THE RETURN OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS; AND DECLARING AN
3 EMERGENCY.
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5 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

6 SECTION 1. That Section 34-1005, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
7 amended to read as follows:

8 34-1005. RETURN OF ABSENTEE BALLOT. (1) The return envelope shall be
9 mailed or delivered to the officer who issued the same; provided, that an ab-
10 sentee ballot must be received by the issuing officer by 8:00 p.m. on the day
11 of election before such ballot may be counted. The use of drop-off boxes or
12 similar drop-off locations to collect absentee ballots is prohibited.

13 (2) Upon receipt of an absent elector's ballot, the county clerk of the
14 county wherein such elector resides shall verify the authenticity of the af-
15 fidavit, including verifying that the signature matches the signature from
16 such elector's voter registration, and shall write or stamp upon the enve-
17 lope containing the same, the date and hour such envelope was received in his
18 office and shall record the information pursuant to section 34-1011, Idaho
19 Code. He shall safely keep and preserve all absent electors' ballots un-
20 opened until the time prescribed for delivery to the polls or to the central
21 count ballot processing center.

22 SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
23 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after its
24 passage and approval.