

**Subject** Absentee Ballot Drop Boxes

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## Overview

This bill modifies and expands certain requirements related to the use of absentee ballot drop boxes.

A law providing minimum standards for security and integrity in the use of absentee ballot drop boxes was first enacted in 2021.

## Summary

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| 1 | <b>Minimum security and integrity standards.</b><br>Adds several new standards for security and integrity in the use of absentee ballot drop boxes. These new standards include requirements for a minimum number of locations based on the population of registered voters in the jurisdiction; distribution of locations to ensure equitable access by voters; provision of a drop box on a Tribal reservation when requested by the Tribe; and certain marking and identification requirements for each box. |
| 2 | <b>Ballot collection log and report.</b><br>Requires the county auditor or municipal clerk to maintain a log for each drop box that includes information on the collection of ballots from the box, including the date and time of the collection, the person responsible for the collection, and the number of ballots collected.  |
| 3 | <b>Postelection report to legislature.</b><br>Expands an existing requirement that the secretary of state report certain absentee ballot statistics to the legislature so that the report includes the number of absentee ballots returned, sorted by method of return (drop box, mail, in-person, and direct balloting).   |