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2 Introduced by Representatives Townsend of Randolph, Devereux of Mount
3 Holly, Evans of Essex, Higley of Lowell, Hubert of Milton, and
4 Martin of Wolcott

5 Referred to Committee on

6 Date:

7 Subject: Elections; conduct of elections; early or absentee voters; form;
8 application

9 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to require the signature of a voter on
10 an application for an early voter absentee ballot when the application is made
11 by an authorized person who is neither a family member nor a health care
12 provider.

13 An act relating to applying for an early voter absentee ballot

14 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

15 Sec. 1. 17 V.S.A. § 2532 is amended to read:

16 § 2532. APPLICATIONS; FORM

17 (a)(1) An early or absentee voter, or an authorized family member or health
18 care provider acting in the voter's behalf, may apply for an early voter
19 absentee ballot by telephone, in person, or in writing. "Family member" here
20 means a person's spouse, children, brothers, sisters, parents, spouse's parents,

1 grandparents, and spouse's grandparents. Any other authorized person may
2 apply in writing or in person.

3 (2) An application made by an authorized person who is not a family
4 member or a health care provider shall be signed by the early or absentee voter
5 or, if the voter is physically unable to sign his or her name, he or she shall
6 mark an "X" on the signature line or direct the authorized person to mark an
7 "X" on the voter's signature line on behalf of the voter. The authorized person
8 shall place his or her initials next to any "X" the person marks on the voter's
9 signature line.

10 (3) The application shall be in substantially the following form:

11 REQUEST FOR EARLY VOTER ABSENTEE BALLOT

12 Name of early or absentee voter: _____

13 Current address: _____

14 Residence (if different): _____

15 Signature of early or absentee voter: _____

16 Date: _____

17 If applicant is other than early or absentee voter:

18 Name of applicant: _____

19 Address of applicant: _____

20 Relationship to early or absentee voter: _____

21 Date: _____ Signature of applicant: _____

