

1 S.15

2 Representative Toof of St. Albans Town moves that the bill be amended by  
3 striking out Sec. 3, 17 V.S.A. § 2680, in its entirety and inserting in lieu  
4 thereof a new Sec. 3 to read as follows:

5 Sec. 3. 17 V.S.A. § 2680 is amended to read:

6 § 2680. AUSTRALIAN BALLOT SYSTEM; GENERAL

7 (a) Application. Unless specifically required by statute, the provisions of  
8 the Australian ballot system shall not apply to the annual or special meeting of  
9 a municipality unless that municipality, at its annual meeting or at a special  
10 meeting called for that purpose, votes to have them apply.

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12 (f) Presiding officer. The presiding officer for any election or part of an  
13 election using the Australian ballot system shall be the town clerk or as  
14 otherwise provided in section 2452 of this title.

15 (g) Early and absentee voting.

16 (1) Early and absentee voting for elections held on or before January 1,  
17 2024. At the time the Australian ballots for an election held on or before  
18 January 1, 2024 are available, which shall be not less than 20 days before the  
19 election, early and absentee voting shall be permitted in accordance with  
20 chapter 51, subchapter 6 of this title.

1           (A) The legislative body of a town, city, or village may vote to mail a  
2           ballot to all active registered voters in the town, city, or village.

3           (B) A school board may, after receiving the approval of the  
4           legislative body of each member town in the district, vote to mail its annual  
5           meeting ballot to all active registered voters in the district. In such case, the  
6           town clerk and election officials in the member towns shall be responsible for  
7           the mailing of the ballots, but all costs associated with the mailing of ballots  
8           shall be borne by the school district.

9           (C) Ballots shall be mailed not less than 20 days before the election  
10          or as soon as they are available.

11          (D) The mailing of ballots shall be conducted to the extent  
12          practicable in accordance with chapter 51, subchapter 6 of this title.

13          (2) Early and absentee voting for elections held after January 1, 2024.  
14          At the time the Australian ballots for an election held after January 1, 2024 are  
15          available, which shall be not less than 20 days before the election, early and  
16          absentee voting shall be permitted in accordance with chapter 51, subchapter 6  
17          of this title.

18          (A) The municipal legislative body shall require the municipal clerk  
19          to mail to all of the active registered voters in the municipality the Australian  
20          ballot to be used at the annual municipal or special municipal meeting.

