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

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

7 § 2680. AUSTRALIAN BALLOT SYSTEM; GENERAL

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

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

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

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

4           (2) Ballots shall be mailed not less than 20 days before the election or as  
5           soon as they are available.

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

8           ~~(g)~~(h) Hearing.

9           (1) Whenever a municipality has voted to adopt the Australian ballot  
10          system of voting on any public question or budget, except the budget revote as  
11          provided in subsection (c) of this section, the legislative body shall hold a  
12          public informational hearing on the question by posting warnings at least 10  
13          days in advance of the hearing in at least two public places within the  
14          municipality and in the town clerk’s office.

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