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Representative Toof moves that the House propose to the Senate that the bill be amended immediately following Sec. 2 (annual municipal meetings in 2022; alternative procedures) by inserting a new Sec. 3 and a Sec. 4 to read as follows:

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

§ 2680. AUSTRALIAN BALLOT SYSTEM; GENERAL

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

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

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

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1 Sec. 4. APPROPRIATION

2 The sum of \$1,000,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the
3 Secretary of State in fiscal year 2023 for purpose of supporting municipalities
4 that mail ballots to all active registered voters pursuant to 17 V.S.A. § 2680(g).
5 and by renumbering the remaining section to be numerically correct.