

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2024-1363

TITLE: Absentee Application Availability Act (AAAA) – 700 CODES REVISIONS

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CHAPTER 770 – THE GENERAL ELECTION ACT (2000-141, 2001-113, 2002-144, 2004-116, 2005-138, Spring 2006 Ballot Initiative, 2006-123, 2006-129, 2007-103, 2007 109, 2007-111, 2007-112, 2008-104, 2009-104, Board of Trustees ruling, 2010-100, 2011-115, 2012-101, 2012-107, 2020-1024, 2020-1043, 2021-109)

775.0 Every elector that requests an absentee ballot from the Supervisor of Elections by the second Wednesday immediately preceding the election by 5:00 P.M. may cast an absentee ballot in lieu of an election ballot. The Supervisor of Elections shall deliver an absentee ballot to an absent elector making a timely request for an absentee ballot no later than five (5) business days before the election. The Supervisor of Elections shall ensure that a stamped, self-addressed envelope and instructions on the use of an absentee ballot accompanies each absentee ballot.

775.01 **The Supervisor of Elections shall ensure that a paper application is available in the Reitz Union, and an online application is available by the third Wednesday immediately preceding the election by 5:00 P.M.**

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775.11 An absentee elector shall return the absentee ballot they have been issued pursuant to Section 775.0, S.B.S. to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court by mail or any other means that the Supreme Court deems proper. An absentee ballot may not be counted unless received by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court before the closing of polls of the election.

775.2 The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court or the Chief Justice’s designee from the Supreme Court, as provided in the Student Body Constitution, shall count the votes cast by absentee ballot, and the absentee voter’s right to a secret ballot shall be preserved. Before an absentee ballot is counted, the Chief Justice or the Chief Justice’s designee from the Supreme Court shall determine from the rolls of electors used at the regular polling places, that the elector has cast no other ballot.

775.20 The Supervisor of Elections shall determine the form of the application for absentee ballot and the form of the absentee ballot pursuant to Section 714.0,

S.B.S.

- 775.21 The absentee ballot application shall include sections for students to provide their name, UFL email, UFID, phone number, local address, and mailing address.
- 775.22 The absentee ballot shall contain names of all candidates that appear on the corresponding ballots, and shall contain adequate provision for writing in the names of candidates not appearing thereon, unless the absentee ballot is to be used in a run-off election. The Supervisor of Elections shall ensure that the absentee ballot clearly indicates each office for which the voter is eligible to vote.