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## **Section**

- Application procedures. Amends the absentee ballot law to require acceptance of absentee ballot applications submitted by fax.
- Military service; temporary residence outside United States. Amends the military and overseas voter absentee voting law. States that it is intended to implement the federal law on uniformed and overseas citizens voting.
- 3 **Submission of application.** Allows a county auditor or municipal clerk the discretion to accept a military or overseas voter's absentee ballot application submitted by fax. Lets a person's social security number qualify as the person's military identification number.
  - Makes an absentee ballot application under this law apply to any ensuing special election conducted during the calendar year in which the application is received.
- 4 **Special federal white ballot.** Specifies that the ballot for military and overseas voters must be prepared and furnished in accordance with the federal law on this subject.