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## Bill Summary

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### Section

- 1 **Application for ballot.** Requires military and overseas absentee ballot applications to be submitted to the Secretary of State. Current law has county auditors do this.
- 2 **Forwarding applications.** Requires Secretary to forward applications to county auditors so they can actually send out the ballots.
- 3 **Recording applications.** Requires county auditor to record in the statewide voter registration system, the voter's name and address and the date the ballot was sent. Also requires auditor to report number of ballots returned "Undeliverable." If an auditor rejects a ballot sent by a military or overseas voter, the auditor must give the voter a reason. If there is time, the auditor will send a replacement ballot.  
Requires the Secretary to report to the federal Election Assistance Commission the number of ballots returned, number of ballots cast and rejected, reasons for rejection, and number of ballots returned as "Undeliverable."
- 4 **Effective date.** July 1, 2006.