

Subject Election day registration; use of medical bill

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Summary

This bill directs the secretary of state to amend the administrative rules to permit eligible voters to use a medical bill as a proof of residence for purposes of election day registration. Currently, the administrative rules permit the use of several types of personal bills—including credit card statements, mortgage or rent statements, and utility bills—to be used as proof of a voter’s residence, but a medical bill is not among them.

The bill permits the secretary to use the “good cause exemption” rulemaking procedure to adopt the change. This procedure is the most streamlined form of adopting a rule, and is authorized in statute when, among other situations, the agency is required to “incorporate specific changes set forth in applicable statutes when no interpretation of law is required.”

The bill requires the change to be effective no later than August 1, 2021.