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## Bill Analysis

**Version:** As Introduced

**Primary Sponsor:** Sen. Antani

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### SUMMARY

- Prohibits the Secretary of State and boards of elections from permitting absent voter's ballots to be returned to an outdoor receptacle.

### DETAILED ANALYSIS

The bill prohibits the Secretary of State and boards of elections from permitting absent voter's ballots to be returned to an outdoor receptacle.

Current law allows a board to place not more than one secure drop box outside the board's office, on the board's property, for the return of absent voter's ballots. Any such drop box is subject to regulations, including that it be open to receive ballots only during the absent voting period, that it be monitored by recorded video surveillance, and that the election officials follow certain procedures in retrieving the contents.

It appears that the bill would not prohibit a voter from placing the voter's ballots in an outdoor U.S. Postal Service mailbox or a commercial delivery service drop box for delivery to the office of the board.<sup>1</sup>

### HISTORY

Action	Date
Introduced	11-07-23

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 3509.05.