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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1055**

Introduced by Brewer, 43.

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Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Election Act; to amend section 32-960,
- 2 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating
- 3 to voting by mail in certain counties; and to repeal the original
- 4 section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 32-960, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
2 amended to read:

3 32-960 (1) In any county with less than ten thousand inhabitants,  
4 the county clerk may apply to the Secretary of State to mail ballots for  
5 all elections held after approval of the application to registered voters  
6 of any or all of the precincts in the county ~~in lieu of establishing~~  
7 ~~polling places for such precincts~~. The application shall include a  
8 written plan for the conduct of the election which complies with this  
9 section, including a timetable for the conduct of the election and  
10 provisions for the notice of election to be published and for the  
11 application for ballots for early voting notwithstanding other statutory  
12 provisions regarding the content and publication of a notice of election  
13 or the application for ballots for early voting. If the Secretary of  
14 State approves such application for one or more precincts in the county,  
15 the county clerk shall follow the applicable procedures in sections  
16 32-953 to 32-959 for conducting elections by mail, except that the  
17 deadline for receipt of the ballots shall be 8 p.m. on the day of the  
18 election.

19 (2) The county clerk of a county that has an approved application  
20 pursuant to subsection (1) of this section:

21 (a) Shall allow a voter to return the ballot by hand-delivering it  
22 to the office of the county clerk;

23 (b) Shall maintain at least one secure ballot drop-box available for  
24 voters to deposit completed ballots twenty-four hours per day, starting  
25 at least ten days before the election through the deadline provided in  
26 subsection (1) of this section for the receipt of ballots;

27 (c) Shall maintain at least one in-person voting location at the  
28 office of the county clerk at which a voter in a precinct subject to a  
29 plan under this section approved by the Secretary of State may receive  
30 and cast a ballot which shall be open on the day of the election from the  
31 time for opening the polls pursuant to section 32-908 through the

1 deadline provided in subsection (1) of this section for the receipt of  
2 ballots;

3 (d) Shall maintain in-person early voting opportunities as described  
4 in section 32-942; and

5 (e) May provide additional secure ballot drop-boxes and in-person  
6 voting locations that need not be open according to the requirements of  
7 subdivisions (b) and (c) of this subsection.

8 Sec. 2. Original section 32-960, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
9 Nebraska, is repealed.