



2023-2024 General Assembly

HOUSE BILL 149: The Disaster Recovery Act of 2024, Secs. 9.1 and 9.2: Election Modifications

Committee:		Date:	January 14, 2025
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Analysis of:	Secs. 9.1 and 9.2 of S.L. 2024-51		

OVERVIEW: *Effective October 10, 2024, for the 2024 election only, S.L. 2024-51 modified certain election administration laws as follows:*

- *Only in the specified counties impacted by the disaster caused by Hurricane Helene and its aftermath, Section 9.1 authorized flexibility in appointing election officials, establishing voting places, appointing poll observers, the return of voted absentee ballots, and the functions of bipartisan assistance teams.*
- *Statewide, Section 9.2 imposed certain requirements on the State Board of Elections, including establishing a uniform process for transmitting certain voted absentee ballots to the appropriate county board of elections and establishing a uniform process for bipartisan assistance teams providing assistance to voters.*
- *The State Board of Elections is required to report to the Joint Legislative Elections Oversight Committee as to efforts made to implement these provisions no later than April 15, 2025.*

Section 6.1(a) of S.L. 2024-51 appropriated \$5 million to the State Board of Elections to carry out the purposes of Sections 9.1 and 9.2 of S.L. 2024-51.

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