SENATE BILL 1092

By Dickerson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, relative to elections.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-7-112(a)(3)(A)(ii), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

After the voter has completed the voter registration application and supplied verification of the voter's residential address, the voter shall complete an application for ballot pursuant to this section. The election official may utilize the information provided by the voter on the voter registration application to satisfy the requirements for an application for ballot.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-7-112(a)(3)(A)(iii), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

Upon completion of the application for ballot, the voter must be given a provisional ballot and privacy envelope. After marking the ballot in secret, the voter shall seal the ballot in the privacy envelope. The privacy envelope must be of a different color from absentee ballot envelopes. The privacy envelope must be sealed in the provisional envelope that bears the provisional ballot affidavit. The provisional ballot affidavit must contain the signature of the voter to satisfy the requirements of this section and to prevent fraudulent registration and voting.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-7-112(a)(3)(A)(iv), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

Information provided by a provisional voter to satisfy the requirements for a voter registration, application for ballot, and voter affidavit must be deposited in the provisional
ballot box along with the marked ballot. This section must not be construed to allow election day voter registration.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-2-115(b)(7)(B), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

A person requesting an absentee ballot who provides satisfactory proof of identity in accordance with rules promulgated by the coordinator of elections, which must include, but not be limited to, a color photograph of the voter holding the voter’s acceptable photo identification.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it.