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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairperson Thompson
Members of the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: February 20, 2023

Subject: SB 208 – Regulation of ballot dropboxes.

Senate Bill No. 208 (SB 208) would regulate the use of ballot dropboxes by county election officials. Currently, there are no statutory provisions regarding the use of such dropboxes, which are designated as “remote ballot boxes” under the bill. SB 208 would limit each county election office to the use of one remote ballot box during each election.

The remote ballot box must be located inside the county election office and be continuously observed by two individuals who are affiliated with different political parties. The remote ballot box may only be open and accessible during hours when the county election office is open. On the day of the election, the remote ballot box must be closed at 7 p.m., except any person waiting in line to deposit a ballot may do so after 7 p.m.

SB 208 would also require signage be posted on each remote ballot box stating the statutory limit for transmitting an advance voting ballot on behalf of another voter and the penalty for violation of the statute.

If enacted, SB 208 would become effective on July 1, 2023.