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3 By Representative Wood (D)  
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1           "§17-3-54.

2           "(a) Any person individual making application to the  
3 board of registrars for registration who fails to establish by  
4 evidence to the reasonable satisfaction of the board of  
5 registrars that he or she is qualified to register, may be  
6 refused registration. The board shall give written notice to  
7 each applicant deemed unqualified, within 10 days of its  
8 refusal to register, stating the specific reason for ~~such~~ the  
9 refusal.

10           "(b) (1) Except for the Secretary of State, a board  
11 of registrars, or a voter registration agency designated  
12 pursuant to 52 U.S.C. § 20506, an individual, organization, or  
13 other entity may not provide an individual with a voter  
14 registration application on which any field is prefilled  
15 without the voter's consent. A board of registrars shall  
16 refuse registration to any individual who uses a prefilled  
17 application for registration and within 10 days of the  
18 refusal, give written notice to the applicant stating the  
19 specific reason for the refusal.

20           "(2) A violation of this subsection is a ~~Class C~~  
21 felony. Class A misdemeanor.

22           "§17-11-4.

23           "(a) The An absentee ballot application required in  
24 under Section 17-11-3 shall be filed with the ~~person~~  
25 ~~designated to serve as the~~ absentee election manager. The  
26 application shall be in a form prescribed and designed by the  
27 Secretary of State and shall be used throughout the state.

1 Notwithstanding the foregoing, handwritten absentee ballot  
2 applications ~~can~~ may also be accepted at any time prior to the  
3 five-day deadline to receive absentee ballot applications as  
4 provided in Section 17-11-3.

5 "(b) (1) Except for the Secretary of State or an  
6 absentee election manager, an individual, organization, or  
7 other entity may not provide a registered voter with an  
8 absentee ballot application on which any field is prefilled  
9 without the voter's consent, other than the return address.

10 "(2) A violation of this subsection is a ~~Class C~~  
11 felony Class A misdemeanor.

12 "(c) The application shall contain sufficient  
13 information to identify the applicant and shall include the  
14 applicant's name, residence address, or ~~such~~ other information  
15 necessary to verify that the applicant is a registered voter.  
16 The application shall also list all felonies of moral  
17 turpitude, as provided in Section 17-3-30.1.

18 "(d) Any applicant may receive assistance in filling  
19 out the application as he or she desires, ~~but~~ provided that no  
20 field, other than the return address, may be prefilled without  
21 the voter's consent before the applicant receives the  
22 application. Notwithstanding the foregoing, each application  
23 shall be manually signed by the applicant and, if he or she  
24 signs by mark, the name of the witness to his or her signature  
25 shall be signed thereon.

26 "(e) The application may be handed by the applicant  
27 to the absentee election manager or forwarded to him or her by

1 United States mail or by commercial carrier, as determined by  
2 rule by the Secretary of State.

3 "(f) An application for a voter who requires  
4 emergency treatment by a licensed physician within five days  
5 before an election pursuant to Section 17-11-3 may be  
6 forwarded to the absentee election manager by the applicant or  
7 his or her designee.

8 "(g) Application forms that are printed and made  
9 available to any applicant by the absentee election manager  
10 shall have printed thereon all penalties provided for any  
11 violation of this chapter.

12 "(h) The Secretary of State shall provide  
13 applications for absentee voting to military and overseas  
14 voters in accordance with Section 17-4-35."

15 Section 2. Although this bill would have as its  
16 purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased  
17 expenditure of local funds, the bill is excluded from further  
18 requirements and application under Amendment 621, as amended  
19 by Amendment 890, now appearing as Section 111.05 of the  
20 Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901,  
21 as amended, because the bill defines a new crime or amends the  
22 definition of an existing crime.

23 Section 3. This act shall become effective on the  
24 first day of the third month following its passage and  
25 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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