

THE FLORIDA SENATE  
2016 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED  
**Committee on Ethics and Elections**

**SB 112 — Absentee Voting**

by Senator Thompson

The bill (Chapter 2016-37, L.O.F.) changes the phrase “absentee” to “vote-by-mail” where it appears in the Florida Statutes, most frequently in the context of the phrase “absentee ballot(s).” The bill addresses possible confusion on the part of voters who mistakenly believe that they must be away from home, or “absent,” in order to request and cast a ballot remotely — notwithstanding that Florida did away with that requirement years ago.

These provisions were approved by the Governor and take effect on July 1, 2016.

*Vote: Senate 34-0; House 117-0*