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## AMENDMENT MEMO

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**2023 Senate Bill 966**

**Senate Substitute  
Amendment 1**

### 2023 SENATE BILL 966

Current law requires a person who votes absentee to do so in the presence of a witness. Under current law, a witness must certify that the ballot was completed according to law and provide his or her printed name, address, and signature on a certification accompanying the ballot.

Senate Bill 966 establishes, for the purpose of accepting an absentee ballot, each element required in a witness's address certification and requires a separate line for each element on an absentee ballot envelope. Under the bill, in order for a ballot to be accepted and tallied in an election, a witness' certification must contain all of the following:

- The witness's printed first name.
- The witness's printed last name.
- The witness's house or apartment number.
- The witness's street name.
- The witness's municipality.
- The witness's state.
- The witness's zip code.

Under the bill, no one but the witness may correct a defect in the witness's certification.

### SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1

Senate Substitute Amendment 1 retains the same provisions except that it does not require a witness to provide his or her state or zip code.

### BILL HISTORY

Senate Substitute Amendment 1 was offered by Senator Tomczyk on February 6, 2024. On February 15, 2024, the Senate Committee on Shared Revenue, Elections, and Consumer Protection adopted the substitute amendment on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 2. The committee then passed the bill, as amended on a vote of Ayes, 3, Noes, 0.

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's bill history page.

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