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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE BILL NO. 320

AN ACT PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE V, § 1 OF THE DELAWARE CONSTITUTION RELATING  
TO EARLY IN-PERSON VOTING.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE (Two-thirds of all members  
elected to each house thereof concurring therein):

1           Section 1. Amend Article V, § 1 of the Delaware Constitution by making deletions as shown by strike through  
2 and insertions as shown by underlines as follows:

3           **§ 1. Time and manner of holding general election.**

4           Section 1. ~~The In -person voting for the general election shall be held biennially on the Tuesday next after the first~~  
5 ~~Monday in the month of November, and 10 calendar days before the Tuesday next after the first Monday in the month of~~  
6 ~~November, and shall be by ballot; but the General Assembly may by law prescribe the means, methods and instruments of~~  
7 ~~voting so as best to secure secrecy and the independence of the voter, preserve the freedom and purity of elections and~~  
8 ~~prevent fraud, corruption and intimidation thereat.~~

9           In-person early voting shall be held in at least 21 polling place locations to be equitably located with 1 location  
10 being in each State Senate District.

11           All administrative or procedural laws, rules, policies, or regulations applicable to safeguarding the security of in-  
12 person voting applicable to the general election shall be applicable to in-person early voting days.

SYNOPSIS

This is the first leg of a Constitutional Amendment to constitutionally authorize 10 days of early in-person voting in Delaware. Additionally, at least 21 in-person early voting places, with 1 being located in each State Senate District, are required. Further, this Constitutional Amendment requires all administrative or procedural laws, rules, policies, or regulations applicable to safeguarding the security of in-person voting that apply to the general election shall be applicable to in-person early voting days.