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HB2332

Chairman Carpenter and members of the committee,

HB 2332 is introduced to address voter confusion. Comments have been made by voters that as many as nine advance ballot applications have been received by some in their mail.

Some voters have even mistakenly thought that the “official” looking mail was sent to them by the county clerk or election office, didn’t understand which one was the “real” one to fill out, and further didn’t understand that upon receiving an advance voting application in the mail that it was unnecessary if they wanted to vote in person.

Some actually thought they were required to fill one of them out in order to be able to vote at all.

Sadly, some made mistakes on their application by either leaving off required information such as complete name, address, and signature. If this happens the voter could then be required to vote a provisional ballot.

This bill would require that the individual or entity who is the sender of an advance voting application to clearly identify themselves.

The passage of this bill would:

- 1) Address voter confusion.
- 2) Provide clear identification of the sender of an application to a voter.
- 3) Reduce the number of provisional ballots which can create an extra burden on election officials.

Thank you for your consideration and favorable passage of this bill.

Rep. John Toplikar, 15th Dist. Olathe