HB 2404 -- REJECTED ABSENTEE BALLOTS

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Currently, if the statements on any absentee ballot envelope have not been completed, the ballot shall not be counted by the election authority.

This bill provides a process for the completion of missing information or correction of incorrect information on an absentee ballot envelope that would allow the ballot to be counted by the election authority.

If the absentee ballot has been rejected for any reason provided by law, or if the voter is otherwise found disqualified to vote, the election authority shall reject the ballot and promptly notify the voter of such rejection.

A voter notified of a rejected ballot shall have until the end of the period for verifying provisional ballots to cure the ballot. The voter may cure any deficiency by submitting the proper information, identification required by law, and an affidavit affirming that the ballot belongs to the voter and the voter is qualified to vote in that election to the election authority.

If the election authority finds the affidavit and identification to be sufficient, the ballot shall be counted.

This bill is similar to HB 864 (2023).