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Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State To Conduct a Pilot Program for Ongoing Absentee Voter Status'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

'**Sec. 1 Secretary of State to conduct a pilot program for ongoing absentee voter status. Resolved:** That the Secretary of State shall conduct a pilot program for ongoing absentee voter status, to include the 3 statewide elections of November 2009, June 2010 and November 2010. The Secretary of State shall select one or more municipalities that are willing and able to participate in the pilot program. In designing the pilot program, the Secretary of State may consult with other states that have a program for ongoing absentee voter status or a similar program. The Secretary of State shall design or approve the forms and procedures necessary to conduct the pilot program, including the procedures for voters to request ongoing absentee voter status, as well as any conditions that would cause a person's ongoing absentee voter status to be terminated prior to the end of the pilot program; and be it further

Sec. 2 Reporting date established. Resolved: That the Secretary of State shall submit a report concerning the pilot program and any recommended legislation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over legal and veterans affairs by February 15, 2011. The committee is authorized to submit legislation related to this report to the First Regular Session of the 125th Legislature after consideration of this report.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. It establishes a resolve to direct the Secretary of State to conduct a pilot program regarding establishing ongoing absentee voter status.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)