

CHAPTER 30. ABSENTEE VOTING
SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

230:30-1-2. Definitions

The following words or terms, when used in this Chapter, shall have the following meaning, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"**Federal election**" means an election involving federal offices held on the last Tuesday in ~~July~~ June; the fourth Tuesday in August; and the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in even-numbered years; the first Tuesday in ~~February~~ March of an even-numbered year in which the President and Vice President of the United States are to be elected; and the date of a special election called at any other time to fill a vacancy in the office of United States Senator or United States Representative.

"**Member of the merchant marine**" means a person employed as an officer or crew member of a vessel as identified in 42 U.S.C. 1973ff-6.

"**MESA**" means the Modern Election Support Application software used by County Election Board personnel for voter registration, absentee voting, and election administration and maintenance.

"**Nursing home**" means a nursing facility as defined in Title 62 O.S. 2001, Section 1-1902.

"**PDF**" means portable document format, a type of computer file used for document exchange.

"**Proof of identity**" means a form of personal identification that meets the requirements listed in 26 O.S., Section 7-114, as amended by State Question 746.

"**Uniformed services**" means the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, the merchant marine, the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service, the commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the Oklahoma National Guard.

"**Veteran center**" means a facility established as outlined in Title 72 O.S., Section 221 et seq of the Oklahoma Statutes.

SUBCHAPTER 3. AUTHORIZATION FOR ABSENTEE VOTING

230:30-3-1. Absentee voting authorized in all elections [REVOKED]

~~Absentee voting is authorized for any election conducted by a County Election Board and absentee ballots must be provided. [26:14-101]~~

230:30-3-2. Absentee voting required in home rule charter cities [REVOKED]

~~(a) Absentee voting is required in cities with home rule charters.~~

~~(b) A home rule charter city may adjust the dates of its filing period and elections to allow sufficient time for printing, mailing, and return of absentee ballots. [26:14-101(A)]~~

~~(c) When a home rule charter city schedules an election on the same date as an election for any other entity that shares territory with the municipality, the home rule charter city shall be required~~

to provide no less time for the mailing and return of absentee ballots than the least time provided by the other entity. [26:14-1-1(B)]

230:30-3-3. Voters eligible for absentee ballots [REVOKED]

(a) ~~A registered voter may request absentee ballots for any election in which the voter is eligible to vote. An absentee voter shall not be required to state any reason for the request. [26:14-105]~~

(b) ~~Registered voters may apply for absentee ballots by stating one of the following reasons:~~

~~— (1) **Nursing home voters.** Nursing home voters are registered voters who swear or affirm that they are physically incapacitated and confined to a nursing home within the county in which they are registered to vote. [26:14-115] They may vote by absentee ballot.~~

~~— (2) **Physically incapacitated voters.** Physically incapacitated voters are registered voters who swear or affirm that they are physically unable to vote in person at their precinct polling places on the day of an election because they are physically incapacitated but are not confined to a nursing home within the county in which they are registered to vote. [26:14-110.1(1)] They may vote by absentee ballot.~~

~~— (3) **Voters charged with the care of physically incapacitated persons.** Voters charged with the care of physically incapacitated persons are registered voters who swear or affirm that they are physically unable to vote in person at their precincts on the day of the election because they are charged with the care of a physically incapacitated person who cannot be left unattended. [26:14-110.1] They may vote by absentee ballot.~~

~~— (4) **Emergency incapacitated voters.** Emergency incapacitated voters are registered voters who become incapacitated after 5 p.m. on Tuesday preceding an election and are unable to vote at their precinct polling places on election day. [26:14-115.1] They may vote by absentee ballot.~~

~~— (5) **Uniformed services voters.** Uniformed services voters are residents of Oklahoma who are members of one of the uniformed services of the United States or of the merchant marine and their spouses and dependents who are 18 years of age or older. They may vote by absentee ballot. These persons need not be registered to vote, but they must be qualified to be registered. [26:14-116]~~

~~— (6) **Overseas voters.** Overseas voters are residents of Oklahoma who are living outside the territorial limits of the United States, and their spouses and dependents, who are 18 years of age or older, and uniformed services voters and their spouses and dependents who, by reason of active duty, are absent from the United States on election day. They may vote by absentee ballot. These persons need not be registered to vote, but they must be qualified to be registered. [26:14-116]~~

~~— (7) **Veteran center voters.** Veteran center voters are registered voters who swear or affirm that they are physically incapacitated and confined to a veteran center in the county in which they are registered to vote. [26:14-115] They may vote by absentee ballot in the same manner as nursing home voters.~~

(c) ~~Any registered voter may apply for an in-person absentee ballot at the in-person absentee polling place on Friday or Monday preceding all elections, and also on Saturday preceding state and federal elections. [26:14-115.4(A)] An in-person absentee voter shall not be required to state a reason for the request but shall be required to swear or affirm that he has not voted a regular absentee ballot and that he will not vote at the polling place on election day.~~

[26:14-115.4(A)]

230:30-3-4. Voters not eligible for services of nursing home Absentee Voting Board

Registered voters who reside in an assisted living center as defined by law and registered voters who are in attendance at an adult day care center as defined by law may apply for and cast absentee ballots by mail or at the in-person absentee polling place. Registered voters in such facilities shall not be entitled to the services of a nursing home Absentee Voting Board. In the event a nursing home is housed in the same location as an assisted living center or an adult day care center, only residents of the nursing home portion of the facility are entitled to the services of a nursing home Absentee Voting Board.

SUBCHAPTER 5. APPLICATIONS FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS

230:30-5-1.1. Applications for absentee ballots [REVOKED]

~~(a) **Application forms.** Applications for absentee ballots may be made by using the following forms:~~

- ~~— (1) **Yellow Application for Absentee Ballots form.** Voters may apply for absentee ballots by completing a yellow Application for Absentee Ballots form and mailing or faxing it to the County Election Board office. Voters also may appear personally at the County Election Board office to complete the form. [26:14-105]~~
- ~~— (2) **Pink Application for Absentee Ballots form.** Nursing home voters, physically incapacitated voters, voters charged with the care of physically incapacitated persons who cannot be left unattended, and veteran center voters may apply for absentee ballots by completing the pink Application for Absentee Ballots form and mailing or faxing it to the County Election Board office. [26:14-110.1, 14-114]~~
- ~~— (3) **Federal Post Card Application.** Uniformed services voters and overseas voters may apply for absentee ballots by completing a Federal Post Card Application, also known as a Department of Defense Form 76, and mailing, faxing, or e-mailing it to the County Election Board office. [26:14-117] Federal Post Card Applications may be obtained from the voting service officer in a military unit and from United States Embassies and Consulates. The form also is available online at www.fvap.gov. All completed Federal Post Card Applications must be transmitted to the County Election Board by mail, by fax, or by e-mail. [26:14-117]~~
- ~~— (4) **Green Application for In-Person Absentee Ballots.** Voters may apply for an in-person absentee ballot by completing a green Application for In-Person Absentee Ballots form at the in-person absentee polling place. [26:14-115.4(A)]~~
- ~~— (5) **Application from emergency incapacitated voter.** Emergency incapacitated voters may apply for absentee ballots by making a written request. [26:14-115.1] The written request must be signed by the voter or, if the voter is unable to sign, by a witness. [26:14-115.1] The request must be accompanied by a sworn statement from a duly licensed physician. [26:14-115.1] The request must be transmitted to the County Election Board office by an agent designated by the voter. [26:14-115.1] The white Request for Emergency Incapacitated Absentee Ballot and Sworn Statement by Physician form may be used but is not~~

required.

~~(b) **Letter suffices.** In all cases, with the exception of the in-person absentee voter, a letter from a voter requesting absentee ballots shall be considered a sufficient application if it contains the information needed to determine the voter's eligibility to vote in the election and to determine where to send the ballots. [26:14-105, 14-110.1, 14-117]~~

~~(c) **Telegram suffices in some cases.** In the case of absentee voters, nursing home voters, physically incapacitated voters, voters charged with the care of physically incapacitated persons, and veteran center voters, a telegram shall be considered a sufficient application if it contains the information needed to determine the voter's eligibility to vote in the election and to determine where to send the ballots. [26:14-105, 14-110.1]~~

~~(d) **Faersimile applications accepted.** Absentee voters, nursing home voters, physically incapacitated voters, voters charged with the care of physically incapacitated persons, veteran center voters, uniformed services voters, and overseas voters may submit applications for absentee ballots to the County Election Board by electronic facsimile device (a "fax" machine). Voters may transmit one of the absentee ballot application forms described in (a) of this Section or they may transmit a letter as described in (b) of this Section.~~

~~(e) **Electronic mail applications accepted from uniformed services voters and overseas voters only.** Uniformed services voters and overseas voters, including the eligible spouses and dependents of both groups, may apply for absentee ballots by electronic mail. They may send a completed Federal Post Card Application form by e-mail or they may send a written request, as described in (b) of this Section, by electronic mail to the County Election Board in the county of their residence.~~

~~(f) **Applications received by State Election Board.** In the event that applications for absentee ballots are received at the State Election Board office by mail, by fax, or by electronic mail, they immediately shall be forwarded to the appropriate County Election Board.~~

230:30-5-8.1. Time for absentee ballot applications [REVOKED]

~~(a) All absentee voters, except in-person absentee voters and emergency incapacitated voters, may apply any time prior to 5 p.m. on the Wednesday preceding the election. [26:14-103] The application must be in the hands of County Election Board personnel by that time. An application received after 5 p.m. on Wednesday preceding the election — even if postmarked prior to that time — must be rejected.~~

~~(b) Applications for in-person absentee ballots may be made only at the in-person absentee polling place from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday and Monday preceding all elections and also from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday immediately preceding state and federal elections. [26:14-115.4]~~

~~(c) Applications for emergency incapacitated absentee ballots may be made any time after 5 p.m. on Tuesday preceding an election through 7 p.m. on election day. [26:14-115.1]~~

~~(d) The County Election Board office shall remain open until 5 p.m. on Wednesday preceding an election so that applications may be made in person until that time. The Secretary shall cause the County Election Board's post office box, if applicable, to be checked no later than 5 p.m. The Secretary also shall cause the inbox for each County Election Board electronic mail address and any applicable spam or junk mail folders to be checked no later than 5 p.m. for Federal Post Card Application forms.—~~

SUBCHAPTER 7. ABSENTEE VOTING BOARDS

230:30-7-2. Parties submit lists of names by July 1 [REVOKED]

No later than July 1 of each even-numbered year, the Chairmen of the county central committees of the two recognized political parties with the largest number of registered voters in the state are required to submit a list of ten names to the Secretary of the County Election Board. ~~[26:14-115]~~ The list must contain the names of registered voters in the county and can include members of the County Election Board and the Precinct Election Boards. ~~[26:14-115.5]~~ The list cannot contain the name of the Secretary of the County Election Board. ~~[26:14-115.5]~~

230:30-7-3. Secretary confined to lists of names [REVOKED]

The Secretary of the County Election Board is confined to the names on the lists described in 230:30-7-2 in appointing members of an Absentee Voting Board. ~~[26:14-115(1)]~~ Each Absentee Voting Board consists of two members — one member from each political party. If a party fails to submit a list, or if all persons on a party's list are unwilling or unable to serve, the Secretary shall appoint Absentee Voting Board members from the ranks of that party. ~~[26:14-115(1)]~~ Under no circumstance shall both members of an Absentee Voting Board be members of the same political party.

230:30-7-3.1. Disqualification of Absentee Voting Board member [REVOKED]

No person shall serve on an Absentee Voting Board at any election in which he is a candidate for office, is a deputy or regular employee of a candidate for office or is related within the third degree by either consanguinity or affinity to a candidate for office. ~~[26:2-132]~~ Any person so disqualified from serving on an Absentee Voting Board shall resign by notifying the Secretary of the County Election Board no later than ten days following the close of the filing period during which the relative's candidacy was filed. ~~[26:2-132]~~ The Secretary shall appoint a suitable replacement.

230:30-7-4. Appointments shall be made promptly

As soon after ~~July~~ June 1 as possible, the Secretary of the County Election Board shall appoint an Absentee Voting Board and shall consult with the two members to make certain that both are willing and able to serve. The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the County Election Board shall be appointed, if possible, but their names must appear on the lists described in 230:30-7-2 before they can become eligible. In some cases, it may be necessary to appoint more than one Absentee Voting Board.

230:30-7-5. Compensation for Absentee Voting Board members [REVOKED]

~~Members of the Absentee Voting Boards shall be compensated at the same rate as the~~

~~Precinct Judge or Clerk. See 230:35-3-30. [26:14-115.5] One member of each nursing home Absentee Voting Board also may be allowed mileage reimbursement for the round trip between the nursing home and the County Election Board office at the rate currently allowed by the Internal Revenue Service for a business expense deduction. [26:14-115.5] Each Absentee Voting Board member shall sign the Absentee Voting Board Claim form for the election before receiving his or her compensation. Absentee Voting Board members shall not be entitled to compensation for attending training for their duties.~~

230:30-7-6.1. Training for Absentee Voting Board members

(a) The Secretary of the County Election Board shall train the Absentee Voting Board members in their duties before the Absentee Voting Board makes its first visit to a nursing home or veteran center or first provides service to in-person absentee voters. The State Election Board provides the County Election Board Secretary with instructions for conducting training for both nursing home and in-person Absentee Voting Board members.

(1) **Nursing home Absentee Voting Board.** Training for members of a nursing home Absentee Voting Board shall include a review of the blue Instructions for Absentee Voting Board sheet. The Secretary also shall review the types of ballots and the potential combinations of ballots, the contents of the pink absentee voter packet, and the use of the Absentee Voting Board Record, the Spoiled Ballot Affidavit, ~~and the PRECINCT PROBLEM SOLVER~~ located in the Precinct Problem Solver section of the Precinct Official Notebook.

(2) **In-person Absentee Voting Board.** Training for members of an in-person Absentee Voting Board shall include a review of the green Instructions for Absentee Voting Board for In-Person Absentee Ballots sheet. The Secretary shall provide instructions for using the Central File or a computer with access to the Internet and the MESA software to verify a voter's registration information and registration status and shall review the types of ballots and potential combinations of ballots. The Secretary also shall review the uses of the Spoiled Ballot Affidavit, the Voter Assistance Form, the Ballot Accounting Forms, ~~and the PRECINCT PROBLEM SOLVER~~ located in the Precinct Problem Solver section of the Precinct Official Notebook. The Secretary also shall provide instructions on the use of the voting device, the procedures for opening and closing the in-person absentee polling place and the disposition of the ~~memory pack~~ MBB, ballots and other items. If the in-person Absentee Voting Board uses a computer with access to the Internet and the MESA software, the Secretary shall instruct the Board members to obtain updated voter registration information from inactive voters.

(b) Following the initial training for Absentee Voting Board members, the Secretary shall provide a review of the Absentee Voting Board's duties, if necessary, before it serves in any election.

230:30-7-6.3. Designation of voting devices for in-person absentee voting

The Secretary of the County Election Board shall determine the number of ~~absentee precincts voting devices~~ needed for the election during election programming and shall ~~designate a voting device for in-person absentee voting for each absentee precinct~~ prepare one or more voting

~~devices. The Secretary also shall burn a memory pack for each absentee precinct and shall install the memory pack into the designated voting device. If more than one voting device is to be used for in-person absentee voting, the Secretary shall instruct the Absentee Voting Board members to direct voters to deposit their ballots in the appropriate voting device.~~

230:30-7-7. Supplies for Absentee Voting Board

(a) **Supplies for nursing home Absentee Voting Board.** The Secretary shall assemble the necessary supplies for the nursing home Absentee Voting Board. Necessary supplies include, but are not limited to, a pink Incapacitated Voter Packet with ballots for each voter; a ballot box; ink pens; ballot markers; the Absentee Voting Board Additional Ballot Accounting Form; the Absentee Voting Board Record; Instructions for Absentee Voting Board; ~~Spoiled Ballot Affidavit; Notification of Nursing Facility Resident's Death forms;~~ a PRECINCT PROBLEM SOLVER a copy of the Precinct Official Notebook; Oklahoma Voter Registration Application forms; Address Information Requested handouts; and an adequate number of extra ballots for each type of ballot to replace ballots that may be spoiled by the voter.

(b) **Supplies for in-person Absentee Voting Board.** The Secretary shall assemble the supplies necessary for the Absentee Voting Board to provide service to in-person absentee voters. These supplies include, but are not limited to, green Applications for In-Person Absentee Ballots forms, copies of Instructions for Voting by In-Person Absentee Ballot; ballots; secrecy folders; a voting device; plastic seals for the ~~ballot box and memory pack door~~ MBB cup cover; one voting device key envelope; a padded bag or an envelope for the ~~memory pack~~ MBB; an Envelope for Totals Printout; ballot transfer boxes; a long white State Election Board seal for each ballot transfer box; ~~ink~~ black ballpoint pens; ~~ballot markers~~; the In-Person Absentee Ballot Accounting Form; ~~FORMS FOR USE BY PRECINCT ELECTION OFFICIALS~~ booklet; a quantity of Oklahoma Voter Registration Application forms; Address Information Requested handouts; a ~~PRECINCT PROBLEM SOLVER~~; and a ~~VOTING DEVICE HANDBOOK FOR PRECINCT OFFICIALS~~ and a copy of the Precinct Official Notebook.

230:30-7-9. Procedure for the nursing home Absentee Voting Board

(a) On the day scheduled for the Absentee Voting Board to visit nursing homes and veteran centers, the Board shall meet with the Secretary of the County Election Board at the County Election Board office. The members shall sign the Absentee Voting Board Record. The ballot box shall be prepared as outlined in 230:30-7-8 and issued to the nursing home Absentee Voting Board members. Adequate supplies and ballots shall be provided to anticipate voter assistance requirements and spoiled ballots. Precautions shall be taken to insure accounting for each ballot. The Secretary shall instruct the Absentee Voting Board as to the type of ballots each voter shall receive in case a voter spoils a ballot and a new ballot must be issued.

(b) The Absentee Voting Board shall observe the following procedure:

- (1) The two members of the Absentee Voting Board shall travel together in one automobile, taking all necessary forms and supplies.
- (2) Upon arrival at a nursing home or veteran center, the Absentee Voting Board shall make arrangements for those incapacitated voters listed on the Absentee Voting Board Record to vote. Only those persons whose names are on the Absentee Voting Board Record shall be

permitted to vote. If the message "Confirm Address" or "Insufficient Address" appears on the Absentee Voting Board Record, the Absentee Voting Board members shall give the voter a copy of the Address Information Requested handout and shall ask the voter to complete an Oklahoma Voter Registration Application form.

(3) The voter must mark his ballots with a ~~ballot marking~~ black or blue ballpoint pen in the presence of the Absentee Voting Board, but in such a manner as to make it impossible for anyone but the voter to tell how the ballots are marked. [26:14-115(3)]

(4) *Insofar as is possible, the voting procedure shall be the same as if the voter were casting his ballot in person at a precinct.* [26:14-115(3)] This includes providing assistance, as provided by law, to persons who are unable to mark their ballots due to physical or visual disabilities or illiteracy. The procedures outlined in the ~~PRECINCT PROBLEM SOLVER~~ Precinct Problem Solver section of the Precinct Official Notebook shall be followed.

However, the Voter Assistance Form shall not be used. The person who marks the voter's ballot shall complete and sign the "Assistant's Oath" on the absentee affidavit envelope. [26:14-113.2]

(5) While a voter may receive assistance, only the voter himself may determine how the ballots are to be marked. If the voter is unable to instruct the person providing assistance, the voter shall not be permitted to vote. If necessary, the voter also may receive assistance to complete the Oklahoma Voter Registration Application.

(6) The procedure outlined in the ~~PRECINCT PROBLEM SOLVER~~ Precinct Problem Solver section of the Precinct Official Notebook shall be followed if a voter spoils a ballot. The Spoiled Ballot Affidavit shall be used as required.

(7) When the voter has marked his ballots, he shall fold them and seal them in the white ballots envelope. [26:14-115(4)] He then shall seal the white ballots envelope inside the pink affidavit envelope. [26:14-115(4)]

(8) The voter then shall complete and sign the affidavit. [26:14-115(4)] The voter's signature must be witnessed by both members of the Absentee Voting Board. [26:14-115(4)] The members shall sign the affidavit in the space for witnesses but shall not be required to provide their addresses.

(9) The affidavit envelope then shall be placed in the outer envelope and sealed. [26:14-115(5)]

(10) Each outer envelope containing absentee ballots immediately shall be placed in the absentee ballot box.

(11) A member of the Absentee Voting Board shall check either the "Did Vote" column or the "Did Not Vote" column, as appropriate.

(12) All Oklahoma Voter Registration Application forms completed by voters to update their voter registration information shall be placed with other voting supplies for return to the County Election Board office.

(13) When the Absentee Voting Board has completed its visit to each nursing home or veteran center scheduled for that particular day, the members shall return to the County Election Board office and leave the ballot box in the custody of the Secretary. [26:14-115(5)] The Absentee Voting Board shall account for all supplies and unused ballots. The ballot box shall be removed from the County Election Board office only when the Absentee Voting Board is performing its duties. The ballot box, once locked, shall not be unlocked again until it is time for the County Election Board members to remove the outer envelopes. See

230:30-11-2.

(c) In the event that members of the nursing home Absentee Voting Board learn that a nursing home voter listed on the Absentee Voting Board Record has died, the Absentee Voting Board members shall ask the nursing home administrator to fill out and sign a Notification of ~~Nursing Facility~~ County Resident's Death form. One member of the Absentee Voting Board shall witness the administrator's signature. The Absentee Voting Board shall return the signed form to the County Election Board Secretary along with the ballot box and supplies when their duties are concluded.

230:30-7-10. Secretary to indicate date of nursing home visit

After all visits to nursing homes or veteran centers have been completed, the Secretary shall enter the month and day of the visit in the application information in MESA for each voter who voted. The Secretary also shall process any Oklahoma Voter Registration Application forms completed by nursing home or veteran center voters to update their voter registration information.

230:30-7-11. Procedure for in-person Absentee Voting Board to receive applications and issue ballots

The Absentee Voting Board members shall observe the following procedure when a voter appears and requests an in-person absentee ballot.

- (1) Ask the voter to fill out and sign a green Application for In-Person Absentee Ballots form.
- (2) Check the voter's registration information and registration status using a computer with access to the Internet and the MESA software or the Central File as instructed by the County Election Board Secretary. See 230:30-7-14. If the applicant's voter registration information cannot be located in MESA, check the Central File, or ask a County Election Board staff member to do so. If the applicant's voter registration cannot be verified in either MESA or the Central File, issue a provisional ballot to the applicant. See 230:30-7-15.
- (3) If the voter tells you that his or her residence address has changed, give the voter an Oklahoma Voter Registration Application and ask the voter to fill it out and sign it.
- (4) If the "Voter Status" field indicates the voter is inactive, if the number in the section field is greater than "36," or if the "SD" (school district) or "MU" (municipality) field on the OEMS screen is blank, give the voter a copy of the Address Information Requested handout and an Oklahoma Voter Registration Application form. Ask the voter to use the form to update his or her voter registration information. The voter may either return the voter registration application form to you or mail it at a later time.
- (5) Ask the voter for proof of identity.
 - (A) Check to see that the voter's name on the proof of identity substantially conforms to the voter's name in MESA and that the proof of identity has an expiration date later than election day. (Exception: a state identification card issued to a person 65 years of age or older does not have an expiration date but is valid proof of identity under the law.) All documents used for proof of identity, except the voter identification card or temporary voter identification document issued by the County Election Board, must include a

photograph of the voter.

(B) The voter may present any of the following documents as proof of identity.

- (i) a valid Oklahoma driver license
- (ii) a voter identification card issued by the County Election Board
- (iii) a temporary voter identification document issued by the County Election Board
- (iv) a state identification card
- (v) a United States passport
- (vi) a United States military identification
- (vii) any other such document issued by the State of Oklahoma, the United States government, or a federally recognized tribal government which includes the person's name, a photograph of the person, and an expiration date that is later than election day.

(C) Indicate that the voter presented valid proof of identity by writing "YES" in the space provided in the "For Absentee Voting Board Use" section of the green Application for In-Person Absentee Ballot.

(D) If the voter's proof of identity is not valid ~~or~~ if the voter has no proof of identity, or if the voter refuses to provide proof of identity, offer the voter a provisional ballot. See 230:30-7-15 and 230:35-5-177. If the voter refuses the offer of a provisional ballot, record the incident on the Provisional Ballot Refusal form.

~~(6) Record the date received, the voter's precinct number, and political affiliation in the spaces provided on the Application for In-Person Absentee Ballots form.~~

~~(A) If this is a school election, also write the voter's school district on the application form. If the school district field on the MESA screen is blank, see (4) of this Section and follow the steps outlined in 230:35-5-113.2(c) to help the voter determine the correct school district. If the voter tells you that the school district listed on the MESA screen is not correct, follow the steps outlined in 230:35-5-113.2(d).~~

~~(B) If this is a municipal election, also write the voter's municipality on the application form. If the municipality field is blank, see (4) of this Section and follow the steps outlined in 230:35-5-113.2(c) to help the voter determine the correct municipality. If the voter tells you that the municipality listed on the MESA screen is incorrect, follow the steps outlined in 230:35-5-113.2(d).~~

~~(7) Record the voter's precinct number and political affiliation on the Absentee Voting Board Record for In-Person Absentee Ballots and ask the voter to sign it. Print a label and apply it to the application form in the space provided "For Office Use Only."~~

(8) Issue the ballots indicated by the voter's registration information in MESA or in the Central File and give the voter a ~~ballot marker~~ ballpoint pen. [26:14-115.4]

(9) Offer the voter a secrecy folder. Use a sample ballot to demonstrate a valid marking and use of the secrecy folder, if necessary.

(10) Direct the voter to a voting booth to mark the ballots.

(11) Provide assistance as outlined in the ~~PRECINCT PROBLEM SOLVER~~ Precinct Problem Solver section of the Precinct Official Notebook to voters who need help reading and/or marking their ballots. Disregard references to the Precinct Registry. Use the Voter Assistance Form.

(12) Follow the procedure outlined in the ~~PRECINCT PROBLEM SOLVER~~ Precinct Problem Solver section of the Precinct Official Notebook if a voter spoils a ballot. Use the

Spoiled Ballot Affidavit.

(13) Tell the voter to insert the voted ballot in the voting device. [26:14-115.4(4)] ~~If more than one voting device is in use, tell the voter which device to use.~~

(14) Take the ~~ballot marker~~ ballpoint pen and the secrecy folder, if used, back from the voter.

(15) If the voting device returns the voter's ballot, ask the voter to wait until the voting device message prints. Follow the appropriate instructions in the ~~VOTING DEVICE HANDBOOK FOR PRECINCT OFFICIALS~~ eScan Election Day Desk Reference section of the Precinct Official Notebook. Ask County Election Board personnel for help if necessary.

230:30-7-11.1. Preparation of polling place and voting device for in-person absentee voting

(a) **Receiving supplies and setting up polling place on first day.** On each in-person absentee voting day, the Absentee Voting Board members meet in the County Election Board office at the time set by the County Election Board Secretary to receive their supplies for the day. The Absentee Voting Board members then go together to the in-person absentee polling place. A table and chairs, one or more voting devices, voting booths, and a computer with access to the Internet and the MESA software or the Central File should already be in place at the in-person absentee polling place when the Absentee Voting Board members arrive. The Absentee Voting Board members unpack the supplies and prepare each voting device as outlined in (b) of this Section. The Absentee Voting Board members must be ready to receive applications from in-person absentee voters at 8 a.m.

(b) **Preparing voting device on first day.** The Absentee Voting Board ~~prepares each in-person voting device as outlined in 230:35-5-32~~ shall turn on the voting device and prepare it to accept ballots as outlined in the eScan Election Date Desk Reference section of the Precinct Official Notebook. .

(c) **Receiving supplies and setting up polling place on second and third days.** On the second and third days of in-person absentee voting, the members of the Absentee Voting Board meet at the County Election Board office at the time specified by the Secretary to receive their supplies for the day. The Absentee Voting Board members also must receive the ~~memory pack~~ MBB for each voting device from the Sheriff no later than 7:45 a.m. [25:14-115.4] The Absentee Voting Board members then follow the instructions in the eScan Election Day Desk Reference section of the Precinct Official Notebook and in (d) of this Section to prepare each voting device

(d) **Preparing voting device on second and third days.** On the second ~~and~~ and/or third days of in-person absentee voting, the Absentee Voting Board receives the ~~memory pack~~ MBB from the Sheriff and prepares the voting device as follows:

(1) Follow the procedure outlined in 230:35-5-32(a)(1) through (9).

(2) ~~After unlocking the back panel, insert the memory pack into the voting device. Secure the memory pack door with a seal provided by the Secretary of the County Election Board. Verify that the number on the seal is the same as the number recorded on the Voting Device Report. Check the voting device serial number printed on the back of the voting device and verify that it is the same as the serial number recorded on the Voting Device Report. If either of these numbers does not match the numbers recorded on the Voting Device Report, tell the Secretary of the County Election Board immediately.~~

(3) Plug the voting device into the electrical outlet. ~~The voting device will immediately~~

~~begin printing the message RESTARTED WITHOUT ZEROING TOTALS. The voting device is then ready to accept ballots. DO NOT tear off the voting device tape at any time during in-person absentee voting.~~

~~(4) If the message does not print out automatically when the device is plugged in, try plugging the voting device into a different electrical outlet. If the message still does not print, tell the Secretary of the County Election Board immediately.~~

~~(5) Check the front panel of the voting device. The red light indicates the power is on. The green light indicates the voting device is ready to accept ballots.~~

~~(6) Close and lock the rear panel door. Replace the keys in the voting device key envelope, but do not seal the envelope.~~

~~(7) Repeat steps (1) through (6) of this subsection for each additional in-person absentee voting device.~~

230:30-7-11.3. Sheriff provides security for ~~memory pack~~ MBBs and voted ballots

The Sheriff is required to provide security for the ~~memory pack~~ MBB from the in-person absentee voting device and for the voted ballots in the same manner as for absentee and regular ballots on election night. [26:14-115.4] See 230:35-3-86. The Sheriff shall receive the ~~memory pack~~ MBB, sealed inside the appropriate envelope, and the voted ballots, sealed inside a ballot transfer box, at the end of each day of in-person absentee voting. The Sheriff shall return the ~~memory pack~~ MBB to the in-person Absentee Voting Board members no later than 7:45 a.m. on each following day of in-person absentee voting. On election day, the Sheriff shall return the ~~memory pack~~ MBB to the Secretary in the presence of the members of the County Election Board when it is time to begin counting absentee ballots received through the mail or from the nursing home Absentee Voting Board. The Sheriff retains custody of the voted in-person absentee ballots unless an election night recount is required. [26:14-115.4] See 230:30-19-4(8) and 230:35-3-85.1.

230:30-7-13. In-person absentee voting procedure for uniformed services or overseas voter

If voter registration information for an in-person absentee ballot applicant cannot be found in the Central File or in MESA and that applicant informs the Absentee Voting Board members that he or she is on leave or has recently been honorably discharged from the uniformed services of the United States or has recently been terminated in service or employment overseas, the applicant may be entitled to vote without being registered. [26:14-121] The spouse or dependent of such a person also is entitled to vote without being registered. [26:14-121] Refer to the Uniformed Services or Overseas Voter ~~section of the PRECINCT PROBLEM SOLVER~~ Precinct Problem Solver section of the Precinct Official Notebook (230:35-5-114) and follow those instructions to assist this applicant to cast a provisional ballot. Ask a County Election Board employee for help to determine the correct absentee ballot to issue to the voter, if necessary.

230:30-7-14. Verifying voter registration information and status of in-person absentee voters

(a) The Absentee Voting Board members are required to verify the registration information of

each voter who applies for an in-person absentee ballot. The County Election Board Secretary shall instruct the Absentee Voting Board members to use a computer with access to the Internet and the MESA software to verify voter registration information and status.

(b) County Election Board personnel shall place a computer with access to the Internet and MESA the software at the in-person absentee polling place location and shall prepare the terminal for use. County Election Board personnel shall teach the Absentee Voting Board members to use ~~the terminal~~ MESA to find voter registration information about each applicant for in-person absentee ballots. In the event that a voter's registration information cannot be found in MESA, the Absentee Voting Board members may refer to the Central File to verify voter registration. The Absentee Voting Board member shall locate the voter's original registration form in the Central File. If an applicant's eligibility is confirmed in the Central File, ask a County Election Board staff member for assistance to determine the correct ballot style to issue. If the applicant's voter registration cannot be verified either in MESA or the Central File, issue a provisional ballot as outlined in 230:30-7-15 and 230:35-5-177.

230:30-7-14.1. Closing the in-person absentee polling place

At the end of each day of in-person absentee voting, the Absentee Voting Board members observe the following procedure.

- (1) Fill out the In-Person Absentee Ballot Accounting Form.
- (2) Sign the Absentee Voting Board Record for In-Person Absentee Ballots.
- (3) ~~Do not obtain a Totals Printout~~ Suspend the polls on the voting device and print copies of the Detail Report.
- (4) ~~Unplug~~ Turn off the voting device and unplug it. Break the seal on the ~~memory pack door~~ MBB cup cover and remove the ~~memory pack~~ MBB from the voting device. Place the ~~memory pack~~ MBB inside the padded bag or an envelope.
- (5) Place the padded bag or envelope and the broken seal from the memory pack door inside ~~a black-lettered~~ an envelope. Seal the envelope. Both members of the Absentee Voting Board sign the sealed envelope flap.
- (6) Unlock and open the emergency compartment door. Release the security latch on the underside of the voting device. Close and lock the voting device case. Lift the voting device off the ballot box and set it aside.
- (7) Unlock and open the front door of the ballot box. Secure the door open with the bungee cord. Remove the counted ballots from the voting device ballot box. Place them inside a ballot transfer box. Using the flashlight, carefully inspect the ballot box to verify that all ballots have been removed.
- (8) Seal the ballot transfer box with the long white State Election Board seal. Both members of the Absentee Voting Board shall sign and date the seal.
- ~~(7)~~ (9) Give the sealed black-lettered envelope and the sealed ballot transfer box to the County Sheriff.
- ~~(8)~~ (10) Secure Return the voting device and ballot box to the County Election Board office or other secure location as instructed by the Secretary.
- ~~(9)~~ (11) Return the unused ballots, all filled out absentee ballot and voter registration application forms, and all other supplies to the County Election Board office as instructed by the Secretary.

230:30-7-14.2. Secretary's procedure at end of in-person absentee voting day

At the end of each day of in-person absentee voting, the Secretary shall observe the following procedure.

- (1) Receive voting device, ballot box, unused ballots, all filled out absentee ballot and voter registration application forms, and all other supplies from the Absentee Voting Board members. Put the ~~unused ballots and other~~ the ballots and supplies in a secure place.
- (2) Make one copy of the day's Absentee Voting Board Record for In-Person Absentee Ballots available to the public in the County Election Board office.
- (3) Store the other copy of the Absentee Voting Board Record for In-Person Absentee Ballots with the filled out Applications for In-Person Absentee Ballots forms until the applications and voting information can be entered into MESA.
- (4) Check to see that the voting device and ballot box are properly secured.
- (5) Stamp the received date on all voter registration application forms received by the in-person Absentee Voting Board. As soon as possible, process the voter registration applications and enter in MESA. See 230:15-9-19 through 230:15-9-22 and 230:15-9-24.

SUBCHAPTER 9. PROCESSING APPLICATIONS

230:30-9-2. Forms needed for processing

The following materials are necessary for processing absentee ballot applications and shall be maintained in packets:

- (1) Absentee voter packet
 - (A) Mailing envelope
 - (B) Outer envelope
 - (C) Yellow affidavit envelope
 - (D) White ballots envelope
 - (E) Yellow Instructions for Voting by Absentee Ballot (Absentee Voter)
- (2) Incapacitated voter packet
 - (A) Mailing envelope
 - (B) Outer envelope
 - (C) Pink affidavit envelope
 - (D) White ballots envelope
 - (E) Pink Instructions for Voting by Absentee Ballot (Incapacitated Voter)
- (3) Uniformed services/overseas voter packet
 - (A) Red and white mailing envelope
 - (B) Red and white outer envelope
 - (C) Red and white affidavit envelope
 - (D) White ballots envelope
 - (E) Red and white Instructions for Voting by Absentee Ballot (Uniformed Services or Overseas)
- ~~(4) Uniformed services/overseas voter packet for fax ballots~~
 - ~~(A) Fax cover sheet and letter to voter~~

- ~~—(B) Instructions for Voting by Write-In Absentee Ballot~~
- ~~—(C) Instructions for Faxing Voted Ballot to State Election Board or County Election Board~~
- ~~—(D) Return fax cover sheet~~
- ~~—(5) Uniformed services/overseas voter packet for electronic mail ballots~~
 - ~~(A) PDF of appropriate state or federal absentee ballot style~~
 - ~~(B) PDF of the affidavit~~
 - ~~(C) PDF of Instructions for Voter~~
 - ~~(D) PDF of return fax cover sheet~~

230:30-9-5.1. Transmitting absentee ballots to uniformed services and overseas voters by fax [REVOKED]

~~(a) The Secretary of the County Election Board is authorized to transmit an absentee ballot for federal and statewide offices to a uniformed services voter or an overseas voter by facsimile device (fax) only under the following circumstances:~~

- ~~—(1) The voter submits an application for absentee ballots and specifically requests that the Secretary transmit by fax a ballot for federal offices to the voter.~~
- ~~—(2) The application is received by the County Election Board Secretary in the county of the voter's residence no later than 5 p.m. Wednesday preceding the election.~~
- ~~—(3) The voter provides a fax number for receiving the ballot and related materials.~~

~~(b) The Secretary shall process the application for absentee ballots according to the procedure outlined in 230:30-9-5 and shall prepare and mail regular absentee ballots to the voter. The Secretary then shall prepare the following materials and immediately shall transmit them by fax to the voter:~~

- ~~—(1) Fax cover sheet and letter to voter~~
- ~~—(2) Instructions for Voting by Write-in Absentee Ballot~~
- ~~—(3) A state write-in absentee ballot for the election~~
 - ~~—(A) Determine the appropriate state write-in absentee ballot for the voter.~~
 - ~~—(B) Verify that the county name is stamped on both the stub and the ballot and that the stub is correctly numbered.~~
 - ~~—(C) Detach the ballot. Leave the numbered stub in the book of ballots.~~
 - ~~—(D) Enter the appropriate Congressional District number in the space provided on the ballot.~~
- ~~—(4) A list of the candidates for federal and statewide offices in the election~~
- ~~—(5) Instructions for Faxing Voted Ballot to State Election Board~~
- ~~—(6) A return fax cover sheet~~

~~(c) After transmitting the materials described in (b) of this Section, the Secretary shall attach the original cover sheet to the application form, and then shall file the application in the appropriate absentee voting materials file. Ballots for any future elections not involving federal and statewide offices for which the voter is eligible shall be mailed to the voter at the appropriate time according to the procedure outlined in 230:30-9-5(a).~~

230:30-9-5.2. Transmitting absentee ballots to uniformed services voters and overseas

voters by electronic mail

(a) The Secretary of the County Election Board is authorized to transmit absentee ballots and related balloting materials by electronic mail to uniformed services and overseas voters for any election ~~involving state or federal candidates~~ under the following specific circumstances. [26:14-118(B)]

- (1) The voter has provided a residence address located within the county and the voter is eligible to vote in the election.
- (2) The voter has a valid Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) form, or other valid application as described in 230:30-5-1.1, on file with the County Election Board and is eligible to receive an absentee ballot. [26:14-118(B)]
- (3) The voter provides an electronic mail address. [26:14-118(B)]
- (4) The voter specifically requests that balloting materials be transmitted by electronic mail. [26:14-118]

(b) Upon receipt of an FPCA that includes a request for ballots to be transmitted by electronic mail, the Secretary shall process the application as outlined in 230:30-9-5. However, instead of preparing ballots to be mailed or faxed as described in that Section, the Secretary shall cause the following procedures to be observed.

- (1) The Secretary shall determine the correct absentee ballot style for the voter.
- (2) The Secretary shall prepare an electronic mail message to the voter and shall attach each of the following electronic documents to the message.
 - (A) The PDF of the appropriate ballot style for the voter
 - (B) The PDF of the Affidavit
 - (C) The PDF of the Instructions for Returning Voted Ballot to County Election Board.
- (3) The Secretary shall enter manually the date the ballot is transmitted by electronic mail in the voter's application information in MESA. This step must be completed prior to requesting absentee mailing labels to prevent a label from formatting for this voter.
- (4) The Secretary shall complete the Ballot Accounting Form for Electronic Mail Ballots.

~~(c) The Secretary shall review any FPCAs received prior to January 1, 2010, that are valid for state and federal elections after January 1, 2010, for requests for ballots to be transmitted by electronic mail and for electronic mail addresses. Any such requests shall be honored as outlined in this Section.~~

SUBCHAPTER 11. RECEIVING AND PROCESSING ABSENTEE BALLOTS

230:30-11-2. Opening outer envelopes and examining affidavits [REVOKED]

~~The County Election Board may meet any time after 10 a.m. on the Thursday preceding the election to remove outer envelopes. [26:14-123] Unless the number of absentee ballots is extremely high, this meeting shall be scheduled on the day of the election. Upon meeting, the Board shall unlock each ballot box containing absentee ballots. Each envelope shall be removed from the ballot box. The outer envelopes shall be opened and removed and the affidavit envelopes examined. If an inactive voter has enclosed the Oklahoma Voter Registration Application form inside the outer envelope, set the application aside to be processed later. The examination shall determine whether or not the affidavit is properly executed. The following~~

requirements shall be observed:

- ~~— (1) The signature on a pink affidavit submitted by a physically incapacitated voter, a voter charged with the care of a physically incapacitated person or an emergency incapacitated voter must be witnessed by two other persons. [26:14-113.2]~~
 - ~~— (A) No one may witness signatures on more than five of these pink affidavits per election. [26:14-113.2(B)] If someone witnesses signatures on more than five of these pink affidavits, the absentee ballots shall be counted but the witness shall be reported to the District Attorney. See 230:30-23-1.~~
 - ~~— (B) No one who is a candidate for an office on the ballot may witness a pink absentee ballot affidavit. [26:14-113.2]~~
 - ~~— (C) No one who is related within the third degree by consanguinity or affinity to a candidate for an office on the ballot may witness a pink absentee ballot affidavit. [26:14-113.2]~~
- ~~— (2) The signature on a yellow affidavit submitted by an absentee voter must be witnessed by a Notary Public. [26:14-108] Affidavits from states other than Oklahoma may be notarized by a person other than a Notary Public who is authorized to administer oaths:~~
 - ~~— (A) The Notary Public must sign and impress the notarial seal on the affidavit for the attestation to be valid.~~
 - ~~— (B) The number and expiration date of a Notary Public in Oklahoma should be included in the attestation. However, the attestation shall be considered valid even if this information is missing.~~
 - ~~— (C) No one who is a candidate for an office on the ballot may notarize a yellow absentee ballot affidavit. [26:14-108]~~
 - ~~— (D) No one who is the chairman or treasurer of the campaign of a candidate for an office on the ballot may notarize a yellow absentee ballot affidavit. [26:14-108]~~
 - ~~— (E) No one who is related to a candidate within the third degree of consanguinity or affinity may notarize a yellow absentee ballot affidavit. [26:14-108]~~
- ~~— (3) The signature on a pink affidavit submitted by a nursing home voter or a veteran center voter must be witnessed by two members of the nursing home Absentee Voting Board, who shall not be required to show their addresses. [26:14-115]~~
- ~~— (4) Voters using the red and white affidavit need not have their signatures witnessed.~~
- ~~— (5) The Voter's Declaration/Affirmation accompanying a federal write-in absentee ballot shall be examined. The voter's signature need not be witnessed. See 230:30-13-2 for more information about the Voter's Declaration/Affirmation.~~
- ~~— (6) The cover sheet used by uniformed services and overseas voters to return voted ballots by fax must include the voter's signature on the affidavit and must include a waiver of right to secret ballot statement. The voter's signature need not be witnessed.~~
- ~~— (7) The Affidavit sheet used by a uniformed services voter or an overseas voter to whom ballots and balloting materials were transmitted by electronic mail must include the voter's signature. The signature need not be witnessed. If the Affidavit is properly signed and dated, such ballots shall be accepted and counted, even if they are not enclosed in official election materials envelopes.~~

230:30-11-5. Last time for receiving ballots [REVOKED]

Regular mail absentee ballots and emergency incapacitated absentee ballots must be received by the Secretary of the County Election Board no later than 7 p.m. on the day of the election. [26:14-104, 14-115.1] The Secretary shall check his post office box shortly before 7 p.m. to make certain that all eligible ballots are received. The Secretary shall make arrangements with the Postmaster to assure that all absentee ballots received in time will be processed. If a ballot is received after 7 p.m. on election day, the rejection information shall be entered in the voter's application information in MESA. This will cause a Notice of Rejection of Absentee Ballots letter to be created for the voter. This letter shall be mailed to the voter as soon as it is printed. [26:14-133]

230:30-11-6. Transmitting absentee ballots [REVOKED]

~~(a) **Transmitting absentee ballots to voter.** The County Election Board shall transmit absentee ballots to all absentee voters --- except nursing home absentee voters, veteran center voters, in-person absentee voters, and emergency incapacitated absentee voters --- by United States mail. [26:14-106; 26:14-111.1; 26:14-118] Absentee ballots for nursing home absentee voters and veteran center voters shall be delivered to the voters in person by the nursing home Absentee Voting Board as outlined in 230:30-7-9. [26:14-115] Absentee ballots for in-person absentee voters shall be issued to the voter by the in-person Absentee Voting Board at the in-person absentee polling place as outlined in 230:30-7-11. [26:14-115] Absentee ballots for emergency incapacitated absentee voters shall be delivered to the voter by the voter's agent as outlined in 230:30-9-6. [26:14-115.1]~~

~~(b) **Transmitting voted absentee ballots from voter to the County Election Board.** All absentee voters --- except nursing home absentee voters, veteran center voters, in-person absentee voters, and emergency incapacitated absentee voters --- shall transmit their voted absentee ballots back to the County Election Board by United States mail. [26:14-108; 26:14-113.2; 26:14-120] Express delivery service provided by the United States Postal Service (Express Mail™) is considered United States mail. Voted absentee ballots from nursing home or veteran center absentee voters shall be delivered to the County Election Board office by the nursing home Absentee Voting Board as outlined in 230:30-7-9. [26:14-115] Voted absentee ballots from in-person absentee voters shall be deposited by the voter directly into the appropriate voting device as outlined in 230:30-7-11. [26:14-115.4] Voted absentee ballots from emergency incapacitated absentee voters are delivered to the County Election Board by the voter's agent as outlined in 230:30-9-6. [26:14-115.1]~~

~~(c) **Voters may use private mail service.** Absentee ballots may be returned by a private mail service (such as Federal Express™) that provides delivery documentation. The decision to use such a private mail service to return voted absentee ballots, as well as the expense of such service, shall be the voter's.~~

~~(d) **Transmitting overseas absentee ballots by fax.** Absentee ballots for federal offices only may be faxed to uniformed services and overseas voters only as outlined in 230:30-11-5.1. Uniformed services voters and overseas voters may return voted absentee ballots by fax only as outlined in 230:30-11-6.1.~~

~~(e) **Transmitting absentee ballots by electronic mail.** Absentee ballots for state or federal elections only may be transmitted by electronic mail to uniformed services voters and to overseas voters only as outlined in 230:30-9-5.2. Absentee voters who receive their ballots by electronic~~

~~mail shall return the voted ballots by regular mail or by fax.~~

230:30-11-7. Undeliverable absentee ballots returned by postal service to County Election Board

(a) In the event that absentee ballots mailed to a voter are returned to the County Election Board by the postal service because they are undeliverable as addressed, County Election Board personnel shall note on the envelope the date the undeliverable ballots were received and shall set them aside in a secure place. Such returned undeliverable absentee ballots shall be retained for 24 months with other absentee voting materials for the election. ~~No entry concerning the undelivered ballots shall be made in the voter's absentee application in OEMS.~~ Do not mail the ballots to another address unless it is provided in writing by the voter in the form of a new application for absentee ballots. If the voter's application includes additional upcoming elections, the application shall be considered cancelled and shall be deleted from ~~OEMS-MESA~~. See 230:30-5-8.2.

(b) When the postal service returns undeliverable absentee ballots to the County Election Board, the Secretary is not required to try to contact the voter to obtain a new or a corrected mailing address. The Secretary may choose to do so, however, if there is sufficient time for such communication before the election, or if the voter has applied for absentee ballots for additional upcoming elections. If the Secretary chooses to contact the voter, the following guidelines should be observed. See (c) of this Section for the suggested contents of a letter to the voter.

(1) If the postal service has provided a forwarding address on the returned mailing envelope, mail a letter to the voter at that address.

(2) If the ballots were not mailed to the voter's residence address, mail a letter to the voter at the residence address or to the mailing address provided on the voter's voter registration application.

(3) If the ballots were mailed to a uniformed services voter or an overseas voter and were returned with a forwarding address, mail a letter to the voter at that address.

(c) Prepare a letter to the voter explaining that the absentee ballots could not be delivered to the voter by the postal service at the address provided on the absentee ballot application form and that ballots cannot be mailed again to that address. Enclose a new application form and ask the voter to fill it out with a new or a corrected mailing address and to return it. Include the deadline for absentee ballot applications for the affected election, or for the next election covered by the original application.

(d) If a voter whose absentee ballots were returned undelivered by the postal service contacts the County Election Board to inquire about the ballots, follow the procedures outlined in 230:30-17-1 through 230:30-17-4 to replace the ballots.

SUBCHAPTER 15. STATE WRITE-IN ABSENTEE BALLOTS [REVOKED]

230:30-15-1. Voters eligible to use state write-in absentee ballot [REVOKED]

~~Uniformed services voters and overseas voters who cannot vote by regular mail absentee ballot because of the time required for ballot transit may request the state write-in absentee~~

~~ballot. The state write-in absentee ballot may be used to vote only for statewide and federal candidates in the Primary, Runoff Primary and General Elections. It also may be used in the Presidential Preferential Primary Election.~~

230:30-15-2. Applications for state write-in absentee ballot [REVOKED]

~~Uniformed services voters and overseas voters may apply for the state write-in absentee ballot with the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) or by writing a letter setting forth substantially the same facts as included on the FPCA. The FPCA or letter may be submitted by regular mail, by electronic facsimile device (a "fax" machine), or by electronic mail as outlined in 230:30-9-5.2. The voter must specifically request the state write-in absentee ballot. The remarks section (Section 5) on the FPCA may be used by the voter to request the state write-in absentee ballot. The voter also may request regular absentee ballots. See 230:30-5-5. The voter may request that the state write-in absentee ballot be transmitted by electronic mail. See 230:30-9-5.2.~~

230:30-15-3. Time for state write-in absentee ballot applications [REVOKED]

~~Uniformed services voters and overseas voters eligible to use the state write-in absentee ballot may apply for it within 90 days before an election that involves candidates for statewide or federal offices.~~

230:30-15-4. State write-in absentee ballot provided by State Election Board [REVOKED]

~~(a) The State Election Board will provide the Secretary of the County Election Board with a template of each state write-in absentee ballot not less than 90 days before an election involving candidates for statewide offices and/or candidates for federal offices.~~

~~(b) Upon receipt of the state write-in absentee templates from the State Election Board, the following procedure shall be observed:~~

- ~~—(1) Save the file or files on the County Election Board computer.~~
- ~~—(2) Write or stamp "Special Write-In Ballot" on several red-and-white outer envelopes.~~
- ~~—(3) Place the prepared outer envelopes in a secure place until an application for the state write-in absentee ballot is received.~~

230:30-15-5. Processing applications for state write-in absentee ballots [REVOKED]

~~(a) When an application for a state write-in absentee ballot is received from a uniformed services voter or an overseas voter, the following procedure shall be observed to prepare and transmit the ballot by regular mail:~~

- ~~—(1) If the application is for a Primary or Runoff Primary Election, determine the voter's political affiliation. See item 7 on the FPCA. If the voter does not indicate a political affiliation in the application for a Primary, Runoff Primary, or Presidential Preferential Primary Election, the voter will not receive the state write-in absentee ballot for the Primary, Runoff Primary, or Presidential Preferential Primary Election.~~
- ~~—(2) Select and prepare the appropriate state write-in absentee ballot for the voter.~~

- ~~— (A) Open the appropriate ballot template.~~
 - ~~— (B) Enter the correct ballot number in the space provided on the ballot stub.~~
 - ~~— (C) Enter the county name in the spaces provided on the stub and on the ballot.~~
 - ~~— (D) Enter the correct United States Representative District number in the space provided on the ballot.~~
 - ~~— (3) Print one copy of the appropriate state write-in absentee ballot.~~
 - ~~— (4) Cut the ballot from the stub.~~
 - ~~— (5) Prepare and print the following documents:~~
 - ~~— (A) Dear Voter letter.~~
 - ~~— (B) Instructions for Voting by Write-In Absentee Ballot.~~
 - ~~— (C) a Candidate List, if available. See 230:30-15-6.~~
 - ~~— (6) Prepare a red-and-white uniformed services/overseas voter packet for the voter, using the outer envelopes labeled "Special Write-in Ballot." See 230:30-15-4.~~
 - ~~— (7) Mail the prepared packet, with the ballot, to the voter.~~
- ~~(b) When an application for a state write-in absentee ballot is received from a uniformed services voter or an overseas voter, and when the voter has requested to receive the state write-in absentee ballot by electronic mail, the procedure outlined in 230:30-9-5.2 shall be observed to transmit the ballot and related balloting materials listed in (a)(5) of this Section by electronic mail.~~

230:30-15-6. List of candidates [REVOKED]

~~The State Election Board will provide each County Election Board with a list of candidates for each statewide or federal office on the ballot as soon as it is available before an election. The list of candidates shall be sent either by regular or electronic mail to voters who request the state write-in absentee ballot. If the list is available when the state write-in absentee ballot is sent, it shall be sent with the ballot. If the list is not available at the time the ballot is sent, the list shall be sent to the voter as soon as it becomes available by the same method the ballot was sent.~~

230:30-15-7. Voters who request both regular and state write-in absentee ballots [REVOKED]

~~Uniformed services voters and overseas voters are entitled by law to apply for both the state write-in absentee ballots and regular absentee ballots for the same election. The two requests may be made in the same application or may be made separately. If a uniformed services voter or an overseas voter requests both regular and state write-in absentee ballots, the state write-in absentee ballot shall be mailed in one set of absentee envelopes as outlined in 230:30-15-5, and the regular absentee ballots shall be mailed in a separate set of absentee envelopes as outlined in 230:30-9-2. The request for regular ballots shall be processed as outlined in 230:30-9-5. In the event that a voter requests that the state write-in absentee ballot be transmitted by electronic mail, the ballot shall be sent according to the procedure outlined in 230:30-9-5.2 and the state write-in absentee ballot shall not be sent by regular mail.~~

230:30-15-8. Time for return of state write-in absentee ballots [REVOKED]

~~Voted state write-in absentee ballots must be received by the County Election Board no later~~

~~than 7 p.m. election day in order to be counted, except in the Runoff Primary Election. State write-in absentee ballots cast by uniformed services and overseas voters in the Runoff Primary Election may be accepted and counted through the fourteenth day following the election. See 230:30-19-15.~~

230:30-15-9. Rules for counting state write-in absentee ballots [REVOKED]

~~A state write-in absentee ballot shall be opened and counted only if regular absentee ballots from the voter are not received prior to 7 p.m. election day, except for the Runoff Primary Election. See 230:30-19-15. If regular absentee ballots are received from the voter prior to 7 p.m. election day, those regular absentee ballots shall be counted and the state write-in absentee ballots shall be rejected without being opened. If only the state write-in absentee ballot is received by the County Election Board prior to 7 p.m. election day, it shall be opened and shall be counted, provided that the affidavit is properly executed. When counting state write-in absentee ballots, the following provisions shall be observed:~~

- ~~—(1) The requirements for the affidavit are the same as those for a regular absentee ballot from a uniformed services voter or an overseas voter. See 230:30-9-5.~~
- ~~—(2) The voter may write in the names of specific candidates or the name of the party that the voter prefers.~~
- ~~—(3) In the General Election, the voter may write in a party preference for each office.~~
- ~~—(4) State write-in absentee ballots shall be counted as outlined in 230:30-19-6.~~

SUBCHAPTER 17. REPLACEMENT OF LOST OR UNDELIVERED ABSENTEE BALLOTS

230:30-17-1. Replacement of lost or undelivered absentee ballots [REVOKED]

~~Absentee voters who lose or do not receive the absentee ballots mailed to them by the County Election Board may apply for a second set of absentee ballots to replace the original set. [26:14-121.1] An application for replacement absentee ballots cannot be made earlier than seven days after the ballots were mailed by the County Election Board. [26:14-121.1]~~

230:30-17-2. Applications for replacement absentee ballots [REVOKED]

~~(a) An application for replacement absentee ballots must be made in writing. [26:14-121.1] The voter is required to swear or affirm that the first set of absentee ballots either was received but subsequently lost by the voter or that it was not received and that the voter will vote and return only one set of absentee ballots. [26:14-121.1] The voter shall personally sign the written request and the voter's signature shall be acknowledged in the same manner as required on the affidavit envelope that accompanies the voter's ballots. [26:14-121.1]~~

- ~~—(1) If the voter receives a yellow affidavit envelope, the voter's signature must be notarized.~~
- ~~—(2) If the voter receives a pink affidavit envelope, the voter's signature must be witnessed by two persons whose names and addresses must be included on the application.~~
- ~~—(3) If the voter receives a red and white affidavit envelope, the voter's own signature is sufficient.~~

~~(b) The voter may use the Application for Replacement Absentee Ballots form, but use of the form is not required. [26:14-121.1] A letter setting forth the same facts shall be a sufficient application, provided that it is signed by the voter and acknowledged in the same manner as required on the affidavit envelope that accompanies the voter's ballots. [26:14-121.1] See (a) of this Section. The application for replacement absentee ballots may be transmitted to the County Election Board in person by the voter, by United States mail or by an agent designated by the voter. [26:14-121.1]~~

230:30-17-3. Voter's agent [REVOKED]

~~A voter who applies for replacement absentee ballots may designate an agent to transmit the application to the County Election Board. [26:14-121.1] This agent may be anyone of the voter's choosing who is at least 16 years of age, provided that the agent is not employed by nor related within the third degree of consanguinity or affinity to any person whose name appears on the ballot. [26:14-121.1] No person may be an agent for more than one voter at any election. [26:14-121.1]~~

230:30-17-4. Transmittal of replacement absentee ballots [REVOKED]

~~The replacement absentee ballots shall be transmitted to the voter in the same manner as was the original set of absentee ballots. The voter shall return the voted replacement ballots to the County Election Board in the same manner as required for the original set of absentee ballots. [26:14-121.1]~~

SUBCHAPTER 19. COUNTING THE BALLOTS PART 1. COUNTING ABSENTEE BALLOTS ON ELECTION DAY

230:30-19-4. Procedure for counting absentee ballots

(a) On the day of the election at such time as the Secretary of the County Election Board may prescribe, the County Election Board shall meet to count absentee ballots. The following procedure shall be observed to count ballots received by mail or private delivery service.

(1) Outer envelopes first shall be removed and the affidavits examined as outlined in 230:30-11-2.

(2) The properly executed affidavit envelopes shall be opened by the County Election Board, and the ballot envelopes shall be removed as outlined in 230:30-11-3. [26:14-125(A)(1)]

(3) The unopened ballot envelopes shall be placed inside a ballot box. [26:14-125(A)(2)] The ballot box shall be shaken to mix the ballot envelopes. [26:14-125(A)(3)]

(4) The ballot envelopes shall be removed from the box. [26:14-125(A)(3)] The ballot envelopes shall be opened, and the ballot cards removed. [26:14-125(A)(3)] If an Oklahoma Voter Registration Application form has been enclosed by an inactive voter inside the ballot envelope, remove it and set it aside to be processed later. Proceed to the next step.

(5) ~~If more than one absentee precinct has been created for the election, the ballots shall be sorted by ballot style into the appropriate absentee precinct before counting begins.~~

~~(6) The Secretary shall assign an employee of the County Election Board to each voting device or high-speed scanner to be used for in-person absentee voting to count the absentee ballots. The voting device tape generated during the in-person absentee voting period shall remain attached~~

~~to the voting device. [26:14-125(A)(3)] The memory pack used for in-person absentee voting shall be received from the Sheriff and shall be installed in the voting device. [26:14-115.4(B)(6)] Seals shall be installed on the ballot box as described in 230:35-5-32(7). The County Election Board Chairman and Vice Chairman shall be present and shall observe the counting process. Counties that use the Optech IV-C, a high-speed ballot-counting device, shall not be required to use the same voting device and memory pack used for in-person absentee voting to count regular absentee ballots.~~

(7) The person assigned to operate the voting device shall insert the absentee ballot cards one at a time into the voting device until all absentee ballots received to that point have been counted. This procedure shall be repeated as necessary as additional absentee ballots are received until 7 p.m. The following factors shall be considered. Counties using high-speed scanners to count mail absentee ballots shall follow the specific instructions provided for operation of those machines scan ballots and to resolve, if possible, any problems with ballots the scanner rejects.

(A) In no event shall fewer than 12 absentee ballot cards be counted at any one time, unless fewer than 12 ballot cards are received in total or after the first count is completed.

[26:14-125(B)]

(B) If the voting device returns a ballot because of an overvote or other error made by the voter when marking the ballot, use the override key to accept the ballot. See 230:35-5-162.

[26:14-125(B)]

(C) In the event that a ballot card is ~~so badly damaged or mutilated~~ damaged or defaced, as outlined in 230:30-19-5(a), to the extent that it cannot be read and counted by the voting device, the procedure described in 230:30-19-5(b) shall be observed.

(D) If the first count of absentee ballots is completed prior to 7 p.m., the memory pack shall be removed from the voting device, placed inside the padded bag, and sealed inside a black-lettered envelope. The person operating the voting device, the Chairman and the Vice Chairman each shall sign the envelope flap. The person operating the voting device shall indicate on the envelope flap the time the count was completed as follows: "Absentee ballot count ended at 5:20 p.m. 11/5/96." The envelope shall be placed in the Sheriff's custody until it is needed to count additional absentee ballots received before 7 p.m.

(E) ~~In no event shall the Totals Printout for absentee ballots be obtained until after 7 p.m. on election day.~~

(8) In the event that ~~the voting device or memory pack~~ the MBB in a voting device used during in-person absentee voting ~~malfunctions in such a way that a Totals Printout cannot be obtained, fails and results cannot be read into the tabulation computer,~~ shall contact the State Election Board for instructions to access the backup memory device in the voting device. If, for any reason, the backup memory in the voting device cannot be accessed, an election night recount of all ballots cast on that voting device during in-person absentee voting shall be conducted as outlined in 230:35-3-85.1. If an election night recount of absentee ballots is required, the Secretary shall obtain the sealed ballot transfer cases containing voted in-person absentee ballots from the Sheriff before beginning the recount procedure. [26:14-115.4(B)(7)]

(9) As soon as possible after 7 p.m. and after all absentee ~~ballot cards~~ ballots received prior to 7 p.m. have been processed through the voting device, ~~the Totals Printout for absentee ballots shall be obtained. See 230:35-5-75.1. At least three copies of the Totals Printout shall be generated~~ the MBB shall be removed from each voting device or high-speed scanner used to count absentee ballots and the MBB from the voting device used during in-person absentee

voting shall be regained from the Sheriff.

(10) The Totals Printouts shall be signed by the person assigned to operate the voting device and by the County Election Board members. These MBBs shall be given to the tabulation computer operator to be read and tabulated as soon as possible after 7 p.m.

(11) The person assigned to operate the voting device shall break the seals on the shall open the main compartment of the ballot box, remove the ballots, and shall place them inside a ballot transfer case. If the election required more than one absentee precinct, a separate ballot transfer case shall be used for ballots from each absentee precinct. One copy of the Totals Printout shall be placed inside the ballot transfer case with the ballot cards. The ballot transfer case shall be sealed with a long white State Election Board seal and the seal shall be signed by the person who operated the voting device and by the County Election Board members.

(12) One copy of the Totals Printout for each absentee precinct shall be posted on the door of the County Election Board office. The tabulation computer operator shall print a Cumulative Report and a Precinct Report from Tally immediately after read and tabulating the MBBs used during in-person absentee voting and to count absentee ballots received by mail or from nursing homes.

(b) State or federal Federal write-in absentee ballots submitted by uniformed services and overseas voters, ballots issued by electronic mail to uniformed services and overseas voters, and ballots received returned by fax from uniformed services or overseas voters shall be counted by following the procedure described in 230:30-19-6.

230:30-19-5. Procedure for counting mutilated ballots

(a) In the event that a ballot is mutilated or damaged in one of the following ways so that it cannot be read by the voting device, the procedure outlined in (b) of this Section shall be observed.

(1) The ballot is mutilated by the voting device during the counting process.

(2) The ballot is damaged by County Election Board personnel when the ballot envelope is opened.

(3) The ballot is damaged because the voter folded it incorrectly or because the voter altered the ballot's original size and/or shape.

(b) If the ballot was damaged in one of the ways outlined in (a) of this Section, County Election Board members are authorized to mark a substitute ballot to replace the damaged ballot. The substitute ballot shall be marked by two members of the County Election Board of different political affiliations. The substitute ballot shall be marked exactly as the damaged ballot was marked insofar as it is possible. If the ballot is damaged so extensively that the two County Election Board members cannot agree on how the ballot was marked, no substitute ballot shall be marked, and the damaged ballot shall be invalidated. The substitute ballot shall then be inserted into the voting device to be counted. The County Election Board members shall make a written record of their actions and the damaged ballot shall be retained with such record.

(c) The procedure outlined in (b) of this Section shall not be applied to ballots that are incorrectly marked by the voter. The override button of the voting device shall be used to accept such ballots as outlined in 230:30-19-4(8)(B).

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230:30-19-6. Marking substitute ballot to count write-in ballots, faxed ballots, and ballots transmitted to voters by electronic mail

In the event that the County Election Board must count a federal write-in absentee ballot, a state write-in absentee ballot, a regular ballot received by fax, or an absentee ballot transmitted to the voter by electronic mail, the following procedure shall be observed.

- (1) The Secretary shall verify that regular mail absentee ballots from the voter or voters were not received by 7 p.m. on election day.
- (2) A federal or state write-in ballot may be counted for federal and statewide offices only.
 - (A) The Secretary shall provide a blank absentee ballot ~~of~~ for the appropriate ~~style~~ precinct.
 - (B) The Chairman of the County Election Board shall read the voter's write-in ballot and the Vice Chairman shall mark the blank ballot for the voter's choice for federal and statewide offices only.
 - (C) The Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary shall review the substitute ballot and shall agree that it is marked exactly as the voter's write-in ballot was marked.
 - (D) The Secretary shall write identical numbers on the back of each original write-in ballot and on the back of the substitute ballot, being careful to avoid the area of the voting tracks. For example, the first such ballot and its substitute shall be marked "1," the second, "2," etc.
 - (E) The Secretary shall direct a County Election Board staff member to insert the substitute ballot in the appropriate ~~absentee~~ voting device.
- (3) A regular ballot returned by fax shall be counted for all offices and questions for which the voter's markings can be discerned.
 - (A) The Secretary shall provide a blank absentee ballot ~~identical to the style originally mailed, e-mailed, or faxed to~~ for the voter/voters precinct.
 - (B) The Chairman of the County Election Board shall read the voter's choice for each office and question on the ballot and the Vice Chairman shall mark the ballot.
 - (C) The Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary shall review the substitute ballot and shall agree that it is marked exactly as the faxed copy of the voter's ballot is marked.
 - (D) The Secretary shall write identical numbers on the back of each faxed ballot and on the back of the substitute ballot, being careful to avoid the area of the voting tracks. For example, the first such ballot and its substitute shall be marked "1," the second, "2," etc.
 - (E) The Secretary shall direct a County Election Board staff member to insert the substitute ballot in the appropriate ~~absentee~~ voting device.
- (4) A regular ballot transmitted to a voter by electronic mail and returned either by mail or by fax shall be counted for all offices and questions for which the voter's markings can be discerned. Follow the steps outlined in (3) (A) through (E) of this Section to count the ballot.
- (5) In the event that a federal ~~or state~~ write-in ballot is marked for a candidate or a political party not on the ballot in Oklahoma, no substitute ballot shall be marked. The minutes of the County Election Board meeting shall indicate both that the ballot could not be counted and the reason.
- (6) In the event that a ballot received by fax is illegible and the voter's markings cannot be discerned, no attempt shall be made to mark a substitute ballot. The minutes of the County Election Board meeting shall indicate both that the ballot could not be counted and the reason.
- (7) The Secretary shall document in the minutes of the County Election Board meeting the number of substitute ballots marked and inserted in the absentee voting device, and the original federal write-in absentee ballot, ~~state write-in absentee ballot,~~ or faxed ballot shall be retained

with all other absentee ballots for the election. The voter's affidavit and any other accompanying materials shall be retained with other similar absentee voting materials.

PART 3. RECEIVING AND COUNTING OVERSEAS ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR RUNOFF PRIMARY ELECTION AFTER ELECTION DAY [REVOKED]

230:30-19-15. Absentee ballots from overseas voters shall be received and counted after election day for Runoff Primary Elections for federal offices [REVOKED]

~~(a) Absentee ballots cast by overseas voters, including uniformed services voters who are absent from the United States on election day by reason of active duty, and received by the County Election Board Secretary no later than 5 p.m. on the fourteenth day following the Runoff Primary Election shall be accepted, counted, and included in the final election results for federal offices only. Only ballots from such voters received by mail or by private delivery service shall be counted. In the event a ballot from an overseas voter is received by fax prior to 7 p.m. on election day, it shall be counted. See 230:30-11-6.1. A ballot received by mail from the same voter after election day through the fourteenth day following the Runoff Primary Election shall not be counted.~~

~~(b) If there is no Runoff Primary Election for a federal office in the county, no absentee ballots received after election day shall be counted. The County Election Board shall certify the results of all offices on the ballot to the State Election Board at 5 p.m. on Friday following the election as outlined in 230:35-3-91.~~

230:30-19-16. Determining outstanding overseas absentee ballots on Runoff Primary Election night [REVOKED]

~~(a) After 7 p.m. on the night of the Runoff Primary Election, the Secretary of the County Election Board shall take the following steps:~~

- ~~— (1) Determine the number of absentee ballots mailed to overseas voters, including overseas uniformed services voters, that have not been returned.~~
- ~~— (2) Determine whether any ballots from overseas voters were received by fax prior to 7 p.m.~~
- ~~— (3) Subtract the number of ballots received by fax from overseas voters from the total number of overseas ballots to determine the total number of outstanding overseas absentee ballots.~~
- ~~— (4) Complete the report form provided by the State Election Board and fax to State Election Board.~~

~~(b) If there are no outstanding overseas absentee ballots for the Runoff Primary Election, the County Election Board shall certify the results of the Runoff Primary Election for all offices, including federal offices, at 5 p.m. on Friday as outlined in 230:35-3-91.~~

230:30-19-17. Receiving, processing, and counting overseas absentee ballots for Runoff Primary Election after election [REVOKED]

~~(a) If the Secretary determines that there are outstanding absentee ballots from overseas voters for the Runoff Primary Election, as outlined in 230:30-19-16, the Secretary shall prepare and lock a ballot box as instructed in 230:30-11-1. When absentee ballots for the Runoff Primary Election are~~

~~received from overseas voters after election day, enter the received date in MESA. The computer will indicate rejection of the ballot because of the late date, but the ballot must be counted. However, if a ballot received by fax from the voter was counted on election night, the late mail ballot shall not be counted.~~

~~(b) At 5 p.m. on the fourteenth day following the Runoff Primary Election, the County Election Board shall meet to count any late absentee ballots and to certify the county's final Runoff Primary Election results for federal offices. Follow the procedures in 230:30-19-4 and in 230:30-11-2 to open outer envelopes, to examine the affidavits, and to open affidavit and secrecy envelopes.~~

~~—(1) Late absentee ballots shall be counted and tallied manually. Only validly cast votes for federal offices shall be counted. See 230:45-5-19 and 230:45-5-20 for instruction for counting ballots manually.~~

~~—(2) After the ballots have been counted, results shall be entered manually in MESA. Follow the appropriate software instructions to add the results of late overseas absentee ballots for federal offices only.~~

~~—(3) Follow the appropriate software instructions to prepare and print two copies of the Official Certification Report for federal offices. Certify the results as outlined in 230:35-3-91.~~

~~—(4) Immediately fax the Official Certification Report to the State Election Board. Also, mail one of the signed and sealed copies to the State Election Board. Retain the second copy for the County Election Board records.~~

~~—(5) Follow the appropriate software instructions to complete the election in MESA.~~

~~—(6) Complete the report form provided by the State Election Board and mail or fax it to the State Election Board as instructed.~~

SUBCHAPTER 21. RECORDING ABSENTEE VOTING

230:30-21-1. List of Absentee Voter Applications available

On Monday prior to the election the Secretary shall print a copy of the List of Absentee Voter Applications compiled by ~~ΘEMS~~ MESA and shall make the list available for public inspection in the County Election Board office. [26:14-130] If additional applications for emergency incapacitated absentee ballots are received after the list is printed, a new copy of the list shall be printed.

230:30-21-2. Credit for absentee voting

Absentee voters receive credit for voting in the election when the date their voted ballots were received by the County Election Board is entered into their application information in ~~ΘEMS~~ MESA.