

ten (10) days prior to any election. Thereupon such boards shall mail to the voter entitled thereto an absentee ballot. In all other respects, absentee voting as provided for in this section shall be similar to and controlled by the applicable procedure provided by law in the case of absentee voting.

161C. (Determination upon absentee voters' applications for ballots; delivery of ballots).

1. Upon receipt of such application containing the affidavit, the Board of Supervisors of Elections shall determine upon such inquiry as it deems proper whether the applicant is a voter legally qualified to vote at such election in the ward or election district stated in his application as the one in which he resides, and if it finds he is not so qualified, shall reject the application. If said affidavit is verified before any officer other than a member of the Supervisors of Elections or an employee thereof designated by it in writing or a notary public or other officer authorized to administer oaths or is not made by an applicant who is entitled to apply for an absentee ballot under the provisions of this sub-title, the Board shall reject the application. If the Board or member thereof suspects that the applicant is not such a qualified voter, the Board must make inquiry in reference thereto. Upon cause duly shown that the applicant is not a qualified voter, the Board shall withhold delivery of an absentee ballot.

2. If the Board shall find that the applicant is a qualified voter of the ward or election district containing his residence as stated in his affidavit, and that his affidavit is sufficient, it shall, as soon as practicable after it shall have determined his right thereto, deliver to him, at the office of the Board, or shall mail to him at an address designated by him, an absentee voter's ballot and an envelope therefor. Postage for transmitting ballot material to the voter shall be paid by the Board, and postage for the return of ballots shall be paid by the voters. If the ballots are to be sent by mail, such determination shall be made at a time which will afford an opportunity for the transmission and return of the ballots in the usual course of mail, depending on the location of the mailing address, and which will allow at least one secular day for marking the ballots, making the necessary affidavit and re-mailing; but the investigations shall be concluded and determinations made as to all applicants not later than the last Wednesday before election day.

3. The Board shall keep a record of applications for absentee voters' ballots as they are received, showing the names and residences of the applicants, and a complete list of all applicants to whom absentee voters' ballots have been delivered or mailed shall be made available for inspection by any candidate on the ballot or his political agent.

161D. (Ballots for absentee voters). (1) The several Boards shall cause to be printed an adequate number of absentee ballots, of the three kinds of envelopes hereinafter described and of instructions. The words "Absentee Ballot" shall be printed in large letters in a clear space at the top of each of said ballots. The designation of the polling place shall be left blank on the back and outside of said ballots and shall be filled in by the appropriate Board before being sent to any registered absentee resident. One envelope shall be known as the