

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.

(b) 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.

(c) 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.

237. Ballots for Absentee Voters. (a) 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 "Return Envelope" and shall be sufficiently larger than the other envelope, which shall be known as the "Ballot Envelope" and which is hereinafter described, to conveniently enclose and contain the Ballot Envelope. There shall be printed or written across the left hand face of the "Return Envelope" the words "Return Envelope for the election of.....", the blank space being filled in with the date of the election, after which there shall be added the words "Supervisors of Elections of Baltimore City", or "Supervisors of Elections of.....County", as the case may be, and the address of their office, and below this last phrase shall be printed in bold type the phrase "Official Absentee Ballot, State of Maryland." The third envelope shall be a covering envelope in which all the balloting material shall be sent to the absentee residents, and there shall be printed on the covering envelopes the return address of the Board from which they are sent, and in bold