

cancelled by removing the registration cards or forms of said voter from the original and duplicate files and placing the same in a transfer file. A notice of such action and the reason therefor shall be sent to the last known address of such voter, notifying the voter to appear before the board at a date specified in such notice, not earlier than one week or later than two weeks from the date of mailing of such notice, to show cause why his name should not be removed from the registry. Notice of cancellation shall be mailed not later than the first Tuesday of May prior to the next succeeding general election following any period of time during which two successive State wide general elections have occurred.

(b) A voter whose registration has been cancelled under this section shall not thereafter be eligible to vote except by registering again as in this article provided.

(c) The notice to be sent to persons who have not voted in two consecutive, State wide general elections, prescribed in subsection (a) of this section shall be in substantially the following form:

(A) IF A REGISTERED VOTER IN ANY COUNTY HAS NOT VOTED AT LEAST ONCE AT A PRIMARY, GENERAL OR SPECIAL ELECTION WITHIN THE FIVE PRECEDING CALENDAR YEARS, IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE BOARD OF ELECTION SUPERVISORS OF EACH COUNTY OR THE BOARD OF PERMANENT REGISTRY IN COUNTIES HAVING A SYSTEM OF PERMANENT REGISTRATION UNLESS CAUSE TO THE CONTRARY BE SHOWN, TO CAUSE THE REGISTRATION OF SUCH VOTER TO BE CANCELLED BY ERASING HIS NAME FROM THE REGISTRY AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 3-16(D) OF THIS ARTICLE, OR, IN COUNTIES HAVING A SYSTEM OF PERMANENT REGISTRATION BY REMOVING THE REGISTRATION CARDS OR FORMS OF SAID VOTER FROM THE ORIGINAL AND DUPLICATE FILES AND PLACING THE SAME IN A TRANSFER FILE; A NOTICE OF SUCH ACTION AND THE REASON THEREFOR SHALL BE SENT TO THE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS OF SUCH VOTER; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, BEFORE ERASING THE NAME OF SUCH VOTER, NOTICE SHALL BE MAILED TO SUCH VOTER ADDRESSED TO THE ADDRESS GIVEN IN THE REGISTRY OF SUCH VOTER, NOTIFYING SUCH VOTER TO APPEAR BEFORE SUCH BOARD AT A DATE SPECIFIED IN SUCH NOTICE, NOT EARLIER THAN ONE WEEK OR LATER THAN TWO WEEKS FROM THE DATE OF MAILING OF SUCH NOTICE, AND TO SHOW CAUSE WHY HIS NAME SHOULD NOT BE ERASED REMOVED FROM THE REGISTRY. (B) A VOTER WHOSE REGISTRATION HAS BEEN CANCELLED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL NOT THEREAFTER BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE EXCEPT BY REGISTERING AGAIN AS IN THIS ARTICLE PROVIDED. (C) THE NOTICE TO BE SENT TO PERSONS WHO HAVE NOT VOTED AT LEAST ONCE AT A PRIMARY, GENERAL OR SPECIAL ELECTION WITHIN THE FIVE PRECEDING CALENDAR YEARS, AS PRESCRIBED IN SUB-SECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, SHALL BE IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FOLLOWING FORM:

NOTICE TO PERSONS WHO HAVE NOT VOTED AT THE LAST TWO GENERAL ELECTIONS LEAST ONCE AT A PRIMARY, GENERAL OR SPECIAL ELECTION WITHIN THE FIVE PRECEDING CALENDAR YEARS