

2. THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE, OR THE POSTAL SERVICE OF ANY OTHER COUNTRY, HAS PROVIDED VERIFICATION OF THAT FACT BY AFFIXING A MARK SO INDICATING ON THE COVERING ENVELOPE.

(2) ANY BALLOT RECEIVED BY MAIL AFTER THE DEADLINE ESTABLISHED IN THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT BE COUNTED.

(3) THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE COUNTING AND CANVASSING PROCESS MAY NOT BE DELAYED TO AWAIT RECEIPT OF BALLOTS UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

(4) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION, "UNITED STATES" INCLUDES THE SEVERAL STATES, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, AND THE VIRGIN ISLANDS, BUT DOES NOT INCLUDE AMERICAN SAMOA, THE CANAL ZONE, GUAM, THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS, ANY OTHER TERRITORY OR POSSESSION OF THE UNITED STATES, AN ARMY POST OFFICE ADDRESS, OR A FLEET POST OFFICE ADDRESS.

(E) FOR THE PURPOSES OF SUBSECTIONS (C) AND (D), A VOTER'S AFFIDAVIT THAT THE BALLOT WAS COMPLETED AND MAILED BEFORE ELECTION DAY SHALL SUFFICE IF THE POSTAL SERVICE OF THE COUNTRY FROM WHICH THE BALLOT WAS MAILED DOES NOT PROVIDE A POSTMARK ON THAT BALLOT.

[(d)] ~~(E)~~ (F) (1) A ballot may not be rejected by the board except by the unanimous vote of the entire board.

(2) If the intent of the voter is not clearly demonstrated, only the vote for that office or question shall be rejected.

(3) If the board of canvassers determines a ballot is intentionally marked with an identifying mark the entire ballot shall not be counted.

(4) ANY BALLOT RECEIVED BY MAIL AFTER THE DEADLINES ESTABLISHED IN SUBSECTIONS (C) AND (D) OF THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE COUNTED.

[(4)] (5) This canvass shall be conducted by election district or ward or by congressional, councilmanic, or legislative districts.

[(5)] (6) Absentee ballots may not be separately disclosed or reported by precinct.

[(6)] (7) All voters' applications, affidavits, certifications, ballot envelopes and ballots shall be kept separate and apart from ballots cast at the regular voting places and retained after the date of election at which they were cast for the time required by federal law, unless prior to that time, the board is ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction, to keep the same for any longer period.