

[[7)] (8) The several boards may appoint such numbers of temporary judges as the boards may deem necessary to adequately and promptly carry out the provisions of this section.

[(e)] {F} (G) Any absentee ballot voted for a person who has ceased to be a candidate shall not be counted for such candidate but such vote shall not invalidate the remainder of such ballot.

[(f)] {G} (H) If an absentee ballot envelope is delivered to the wrong board, such board shall immediately send said ballot envelope unopened, unmarked and unchanged in any way to the proper board.

[(g)] {H} (I) (1) Whenever any board shall determine from proof or investigation that any person who has marked and transmitted or deposited in person with the board an absentee ballot, whether under act of Congress or the provisions of this subtitle, has died before election day, said board shall not count the ballot of the said deceased voter, but it shall be preserved by the board for the time required by federal law, and may then be destroyed, unless prior to that time the board is ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction to keep the same for any longer period.

(2) If at or prior to the time of such counting and canvassing the board shall not have determined that the absentee resident who marked a ballot had died before election day, said ballot shall be counted, and the fact that said absentee resident may later be shown to have been actually dead on election day shall not invalidate said ballot or said election.

[(h)] {I} (J) (1) If the board determines that the provisions for filling out and signing the oath on the outside of the ballot envelope have been substantially complied with and that the person signing the voter's oath is entitled to vote under this subtitle in any precinct of their respective county or city, as the case may be, and has not already voted therein on election day, they shall open the ballot envelope and remove the ballot therefrom and the ballot shall be placed by the board in a secure place to which the public has no access.

(2) When any ballot envelope is opened, the board shall enter in the appropriate register the fact that the voter whose name appears thereon has voted, using the initials "A.B." to indicate the vote has been by absentee ballot.

(3) If there be more than one ballot in the ballot envelope, all shall be rejected except when two elections are held on the same day and a voter is voting in both elections and the voter returns both absentee ballots in the ballot envelope provided.

(4) Absentee ballots may be marked by any kind of pencil or ink.