

(a) (1) [No] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 2-9(E) OF THIS ARTICLE AND SUBSECTION (A)(2) OF THIS SECTION, NO person may register [after the fifth Monday preceding or during the 10 days following a primary or special primary election; nor may any person register after the fifth Monday preceding or during the 15 days following a general or special election] ~~NOR--MAY--A--VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION BE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN--TIMELY--RECEIVED BY--ANY--BOARD--OR--BY--THE--STATE--ADMINISTRATIVE--BOARD--OF--ELECTION LAWS--DURING--THE--FOLLOWING--PERIODS:~~

(I) AFTER 9 P.M. ON THE 5TH MONDAY PRECEDING OR DURING THE 10 DAYS FOLLOWING BETWEEN 9 P.M. ON THE 5TH MONDAY PRECEDING A PRIMARY OR SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION AND THE 11TH DAY AFTER THAT ELECTION; OR

(II) AFTER 9 P.M. ON THE 5TH MONDAY PRECEDING OR DURING THE 15 DAYS FOLLOWING BETWEEN 9 P.M. ON THE 5TH MONDAY PRECEDING A GENERAL OR SPECIAL ELECTION AND THE 16TH DAY FOLLOWING THAT ELECTION.

[(2) On the fifth Monday preceding any election, the local board shall accept registration by mail applications until the board office closes.]

(2) (I) A VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION WHICH IS RECEIVED BY MAIL BY ANY LOCAL BOARD OR BY THE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF ELECTION LAWS ~~NO LATER THAN 4 P.M. ON THE 4TH WEDNESDAY PRECEDING--ANY--ELECTION--SHALL--BE--DEEMED--TIMELY RECEIVED--PROVIDED--IT--WAS--MAILED--NO LATER THAN THE 5TH MONDAY PRECEDING THAT ELECTION AND THE U. S. POSTAL SERVICE, THE POSTAL SERVICE--OF--ANY--OTHER--COUNTRY, OR A PRIVATE POSTAL SERVICE HAS PROVIDED VERIFICATION--OF--THAT--FACT--BY--AFFIXING--A--MARK--SO INDICATING ON THE COVERING ENVELOPE, SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS RECEIVED TIMELY FOR REGISTRATION FOR THE NEXT ELECTION PROVIDED:~~

1. IT IS RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION ESTABLISHED IN SUBSECTION (A)(1) OF THIS SECTION; OR

2. A. IT WAS MAILED BEFORE THAT DEADLINE;

B. 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; AND

C. THE APPLICATION IS RECEIVED BY 4 P.M. ON THE FOURTH WEDNESDAY PRECEDING THE ELECTION INVOLVED.

(II) AN APPLICATION RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE ESTABLISHED IN SUBSECTION (A)(1) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE ACCEPTED, BUT THE REGISTRATION OF THE APPLICANT MAY NOT BECOME EFFECTIVE UNTIL THE REGISTRATION RECORDS ARE NEXT OPEN PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.