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The printed instructions for the casting of absentee ballots shall be prescribed by the State Administrative Board of Election Laws and it shall prescribe separate instructions for paper ballots [or], ALL TYPES OF punch card ballots AND BALLOTS THAT ARE OTHER COMPUTER READ DOCUMENTS.

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(c) (1) Except as provided in subsection (d), a ballot shall be considered as received timely provided:

(i) It has been received by the board prior to the closing of the polls on election day; or

(ii) 1. It was mailed before election day;

2. The United States Postal Service, AN ARMY POST OFFICE, A FLEET POST OFFICE, 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

3. The board receives the ballot from the United States Postal Service not later than 4 p.m. on the Wednesday following election day.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (d), any ballot received after the deadline established in this subsection may not be counted.

(d) (1) In a general or special election, a ballot received from a location outside the United States shall be considered as received timely provided:

(i) It has been received by the board from the United States Postal Service not later than 4 p.m. on the second Friday following the election day; and

(ii) 1. It was mailed before election day; and

2. The United States Postal Service, AN ARMY POST OFFICE, A FLEET POST OFFICE, 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.