

- (b) The guidelines shall provide for:
- (1) The application process;
 - (2) Late application for absentee ballots;
 - (3) Ballot security, including storage of returned ballots;
 - (4) Determining timeliness of receipt of applications and ballots, including applications and ballots for overseas voters;
 - (5) The canvass process;
 - (6) Notice of the canvass to candidates, political parties, campaign organizations, news media, and the general public;
 - (7) Observers of the process;
 - (8) Review of voted ballots and envelopes for compliance with the law and for machine tabulation acceptability;
 - (9) Standards for disallowance of ballots during the canvass; and
 - (10) Storage and retention of ballots following canvass and certification.
- (c) The State Board shall:
- (1) In consultation with the local boards, assess the guidelines before each primary election; and
 - (2) Revise the guidelines if indicated.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 9-303.

No changes are made.

9-304.

- (a) A registered voter may vote by absentee ballot at an election if the voter:
- (1) May be absent on election day from the county in which the voter is registered;
 - (2) Because of accident, illness, or physical disability, will be unable to go to the polling place on election day;
 - (3) Because of confinement in or restriction to an institution, will be prevented from going to the polling place on election day;
 - (4) Because of a death or serious illness in the voter's immediate family, will be unable to go to the polling place on election day;
 - (5) Is a full-time student at an institution of higher education located outside the voter's precinct but within the county of registration, and academic requirements prevent the voter from going to the polling place on election day; or