

9-306.

(a) Promptly after receipt of an application, the election director shall review the application and determine whether the applicant qualifies to vote by absentee ballot.

(b) If the applicant qualifies to vote by absentee ballot, the local board shall send the ballot:

(1) As soon as practicable after receipt of the request; or

(2) If the ballots have not been received from the printer, as soon as practicable after the local board receives delivery of the ballots.

(c) (1) If the members of the local board determine that the applicant is not entitled to vote by absentee ballot, the local board shall notify the applicant as soon as practicable after receipt of the application of the reasons for the rejection.

(2) (i) The local board may delegate the determination under paragraph (1) of this subsection to the staff of the local board.

(ii) If the determination has been delegated, the applicant may appeal the rejection to the members of the local board, who shall decide the appeal as expeditiously as practicable.

(d) Not more than one absentee ballot may be issued to a voter unless the election director of the local board has reasonable grounds to believe that an absentee ballot previously issued to the voter has been lost, destroyed, or spoiled.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 33, § 9-306.

No changes are made.

9-307.

(a) A qualified applicant may designate a duly authorized agent to pick up and deliver an absentee ballot under this subtitle.

(b) An agent of the voter under this section:

(1) Must be at least 18 years old;

(2) May not be a candidate on that ballot;

(3) Shall be designated in a writing signed by the voter under penalty of perjury; and

(4) Shall execute an affidavit under penalty of perjury that the ballot was:

(i) Delivered to the voter who submitted the application;

(ii) Marked and placed in an envelope by the voter, or with assistance as allowed by regulation, in the agent's presence; and