

9-407.

(a) A provisional ballot shall be accompanied by instructions, prescribed by the State Board, for marking and returning the ballot.

(b) When voted, a provisional ballot shall be:

(1) ~~[enclosed]~~ ENCLOSED in an envelope designated "provisional ballot/return envelope"; OR

(2) STORED IN AN ELECTRONIC FORMAT, AS SPECIFIED BY THE STATE BOARD.

11-302.1.

(a) Following an election, each local board shall meet at its designated counting center to canvass the provisional ballots [cast] SUBMITTED in that election in accordance with the regulations and guidelines established by the State Board.

(b) A local board may not open [any] AN envelope of a provisional ballot [prior to 8 a.m. on the Wednesday following election day] UNTIL THE LOCAL BOARD HAS APPROVED THE TEMPORARY CERTIFICATE.

(c) [(1)] The State Board shall adopt regulations [that reflect the policy that the clarity of the intent of the voter is the overriding consideration in determining the validity of a provisional ballot or the vote cast in a particular contest.] TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

(D) [(2)] (1) A local board may not reject a provisional ballot except by unanimous vote and in accordance with regulations of the State Board.

[(3)] (2) The local board shall reject a provisional ballot if:

(i) [The local board determines that the temporary certificate of registration that corresponds to the provisional ballot is not valid;

(ii) The] PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE local election board determines that the individual WHO SUBMITTED THE PROVISIONAL BALLOT is not a registered voter;

[(iii)] (II) The individual failed to sign the oath on the temporary certificate of registration;

[(iv)] The individual failed to sign the oath on the provisional ballot envelope;

[(v)] (III) The individual received more than one ballot for the same election; or

[(vi)] (IV) The local board determines that a provisional ballot is intentionally marked with an identifying mark that is clearly evident and placed on the ballot for the purpose of identifying the ballot.