

AN APPLICATION FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT, SIGNED BY THE VOTER, MAY BE MADE:

(1) ON A FORM PRODUCED BY THE LOCAL BOARD AND SUPPLIED TO THE VOTER ON REQUEST;

(2) ON A FORM PROVIDED UNDER FEDERAL LAW; OR

(3) IN A WRITTEN REQUEST THAT INCLUDES:

(I) THE VOTER'S NAME AND RESIDENCE ADDRESS;

(II) THE ADDRESS TO WHICH THE BALLOT IS TO BE MAILED, IF DIFFERENT FROM THE RESIDENCE ADDRESS; AND

(III) THE REASON, AS AUTHORIZED IN § 9-304 OF THIS SUBTITLE, FOR ABSENTEE VOTING.

(B) DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATION.

EXCEPT FOR A LATE APPLICATION UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, AN APPLICATION FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT MUST BE RECEIVED BY A LOCAL BOARD NOT LATER THAN THE TUESDAY PRECEDING THE ELECTION, AT THE TIME SPECIFIED IN THE GUIDELINES.

(C) LATE APPLICATION.

(1) BEGINNING ON THE WEDNESDAY PRECEDING THE ELECTION, THROUGH THE CLOSING OF THE POLLS ON ELECTION DAY, A REGISTERED VOTER OR THE VOTER'S DULY AUTHORIZED AGENT MAY APPLY IN PERSON FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT AT THE OFFICE OF THE LOCAL BOARD IF THE VOTER IS QUALIFIED FOR ABSENTEE VOTING UNDER § 9-304 OF THIS SUBTITLE OR § 10-102 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(2) A SPECIAL APPLICATION FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE SUPPLIED BY THE STAFF OF THE LOCAL BOARD TO THE VOTER OR THE VOTER'S DULY AUTHORIZED AGENT.

(3) THE APPLICATION SHALL BE MADE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, BUT WITHOUT A FORMAL OATH, SPECIFYING THE REASON FOR ABSENTEE VOTING.

(4) AFTER REVIEW OF THE APPLICATION, IF THE STAFF OF THE LOCAL BOARD FINDS THAT THE VOTER QUALIFIES FOR ABSENTEE VOTING, THE STAFF SHALL ISSUE AN ABSENTEE BALLOT TO THE VOTER OR THE VOTER'S DULY AUTHORIZED AGENT.

9-306. REVIEW OF APPLICATION; ISSUANCE OR REJECTION.

(A) REVIEW OF APPLICATION.

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) TRANSMITTAL OF BALLOT.