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§9–305.

- (a) A voter may request an absentee ballot by completing and submitting:
 - (1) the State Board approved absentee ballot application;
 - (2) a form provided under federal law;
 - (3) a written request that includes:
 - (i) the voter's name, residence address, and signature; and
 - (ii) the address to which the ballot is to be mailed, if different from the residence address; or
 - (4) as specified in subsection (c) of this section, the accessible online absentee ballot application provided by the State Board.
- (b) An application for an absentee ballot must be received by a local board:
 - (1) if the voter requests the absentee ballot be sent by mail or facsimile transmission, not later than the Tuesday preceding the election, at the time specified in the guidelines;
 - (2) if the voter requests the absentee ballot be sent by the Internet, not later than the Friday preceding the election, at the time specified in the guidelines; or
 - (3) if the voter or the voter's duly authorized agent applies for an absentee ballot in person at the local board office, not later than the closing of the polls on election day.
- (c) The online absentee ballot application provided by the State Board shall require the applicant to provide:
 - (1) a Maryland driver's license number or Maryland identification card number, the last four digits of the applicant's Social Security number, and other information identified by the State Board that is not generally available to the public but is readily available to the applicant; or
 - (2) if the applicant is an absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter as defined in the federal Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act and does not have a Maryland driver's license or Maryland identification card, a Social Security number.

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