

MARYLAND REGISTER

Proposed Action on Regulations

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1. Desired date of publication in Maryland Register: 7/10/2015

2. COMAR Codification

Title Subtitle Chapter Regulation

33 21 07 01, .02, .03

3. Name of Promulgating Authority

State Board of Elections

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6. Check applicable items:

- New Regulations

Amendments to Existing Regulations

 Date when existing text was downloaded from COMAR online: .

Repeal of Existing Regulations

Recodification

Incorporation by Reference of Documents Requiring DSD Approval

Reproposal of Substantively Different Text:

: Md. R
(vol.) (issue) (page nos) (date)

Under Maryland Register docket no.: --P.

7. Is there emergency text which is identical to this proposal:

Yes - No

8. Incorporation by Reference

Check if applicable: Incorporation by Reference (IBR) approval form(s) attached and 18 copies of documents proposed for incorporation submitted to DSD. (Submit 18 paper copies of IBR document to DSD and one copy to AELR.)

9. Public Body - Open Meeting

- OPTIONAL - If promulgating authority is a public body, check to include a sentence in the Notice of Proposed Action that proposed action was considered at an open meeting held pursuant to State Government Article, §10-506(c), Annotated Code of Maryland.

OPTIONAL - If promulgating authority is a public body, check to include a paragraph that final action will be considered at an open meeting.

10. Children's Environmental Health and Protection

Check if the system should send a copy of the proposal to the Children's Environmental Health and Protection Advisory Council.

11. Certificate of Authorized Officer

I certify that the attached document is in compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act. I also certify that the attached text has been approved for legality by Jeffrey Darsie, Assistant Attorney General, (telephone #410-576-6356) on May 21, 2015. A written copy of the approval is on file at this agency.

Name of Authorized Officer

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Date

05/28/2015

Title 33
STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
Subtitle 21 SPECIAL ELECTIONS BY MAIL

33.21.07 Canvassing

Authority: Authority: Election Law Article, §§2-102(b)(4), 9-501, 9-502, 9-506, and 11-302, Annotated Code of Maryland.

Notice of Proposed Action

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The State Board of Elections proposes to adopt Regulations .01, .02, and .03 under COMAR 33.21.07 Canvassing.

This action was considered by the State Board of Elections at its May 28, 2015 meeting, notice of which was given in accordance with State Government Article, §10-506(c), Annotated Code of Maryland.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to explain the procedures involved with canvassing ballots from a special election by mail.

Comparison to Federal Standards

There is no corresponding federal standard to this proposed action.

Estimate of Economic Impact

The proposed action has no economic impact.

Economic Impact on Small Businesses

The proposed action has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses.

Impact on Individuals with Disabilities

The proposed action has no impact on individuals with disabilities.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Comments may be sent to Erin Perrone, Administrative Assistant, State Board of Elections, PO Box 6486, Annapolis, MD 21401, or call 410-269-2840, or email to erin.perrone@maryland.gov, or fax to 410-974-2019. Comments will be accepted through August 10, 2015. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

Economic Impact Statement Part C

A. Fiscal Year in which regulations will become effective: FY 16

B. Does the budget for the fiscal year in which regulations become effective contain funds to implement the regulations?

No

C. If 'yes', state whether general, special (exact name), or federal funds will be used:

D. If 'no', identify the source(s) of funds necessary for implementation of these regulations:

No funds are necessary to implement these regulations.

E. If these regulations have no economic impact under Part A, indicate reason briefly:

These regulations are technical and administrative in nature.

F. If these regulations have minimal or no economic impact on small businesses under Part B, indicate the reason and attach small business worksheet.

These regulations do not impact small business as they are technical and administrative in nature.

G. Small Business Worksheet:

Attached Document:

Title 33 State Board of Elections

Subtitle 21 Special Elections by Mail

Chapter 07 Canvassing

Authority: Election Law Article, §§2-102(b)(4), 9-501, 9-502, 9-506, and 11-302, Annotated Code of Maryland

.01 In General.

The procedures specified in COMAR 33.08.01 – .05 and 33.11.04 – .06 apply to canvassing vote-by-mail ballots.

.02 Ballot Rejection.

A. In General. The ballot rejection reasons specified in COMAR 33.11.05.03 - .07 apply to canvassing vote-by-mail ballots.

B. Ballot Rejection – Multiple Ballots from the Same Individual.

(1) The local board shall reject a vote-by-mail ballot if the voter cast a ballot in a voting center.

(2) If the local board receives more than one vote-by-mail ballot from the same individual in different envelopes, the local board shall count only the ballot with the later date.

.03 Report of Votes Cast.

The State Administrator shall define the reporting requirements for a special election conducted by mail.

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STATE ADMINISTRATOR