

MARYLAND REGISTER

**Proposed Action on Regulations**

<b>Transmittal Sheet</b>  <b>PROPOSED OR REPROPOSED</b>  <b>Actions on Regulations</b>	<b>Date Filed with AELR Committee</b>	<b>TO BE COMPLETED BY DSD</b>
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**1. Desired date of publication in Maryland Register: 10/16/2015**

**2. COMAR Codification**

**Title Subtitle Chapter Regulation**

33 16 03 01

**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: 08/10/2015.
  - 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 07/10/2015. A written copy of the approval is on file at this agency.

**Name of Authorized Officer**

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**Date**

08/27/2015

# **Title 33**

## **STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

### **Subtitle 16 PROVISIONAL VOTING**

#### **33.16.03 Issuance of Provisional Ballot**

Authority: Election Law Article, §§2-102(b)(4), 2-202(b), 3-305(e), 9-402, 9-403, 9-404, 9-406, and 11-303(c) and (e), Annotated Code of Maryland.

#### **Notice of Proposed Action**

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The State Board of Elections proposes to amend Regulation .01 under COMAR 33.16.03 Issuance of Provisional Ballot.

This action was considered by the State Board of Elections at its August 27, 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 allow for certain “pending” voters to complete their registrations during early voting. If a “pending” voter provides the required information at an early voting center in the county where he lives, his registration will be complete and he can vote a regular ballot.

The new language in Regulation .01A(4) specifies that an individual who is not pre-qualified or did not provide proof of residency in the county where he is voting must vote a provisional ballot.

#### **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 410-269-2845, or email to

erin.perrone@maryland.gov, or fax to 410-974-2019. Comments will be accepted through 11/16/2015. 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:

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## **Title 33 State Board of Elections**

### **Subtitle 16 Provisional Voting**

#### **Chapter 03 Issuance of Provisional Ballot**

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##### **.01 In General.**

A. A voter shall be issued a provisional ballot packet if:

- (1) – (2) (text unchanged)
- (3) The voter's registration status is pending because the voter's driver's license or full or partial social security number could not be verified or was not provided before the precinct register was created *and if the voter*

*appeared to vote during early voting, the voter did not provide the necessary information to complete the verification inquiry required by COMAR 33.05.04.04B;*

(4) The voter is not eligible to vote a regular ballot because:

(a) (text unchanged)

(b) In a primary election, the voter's party affiliation listed in the precinct register differs from the voter's stated affiliation; [or]

(c) The voter indicates, by not signing the change of address affirmation, that the voter changed residence before the close of registration; *or*

(d) *During early voting, the individual:*

(i) *Was not a pre-qualified voter; or*

(ii) *Could not provide proof of residency in the county where the individual was*

*attempting to vote;*

(5) – (6) (text unchanged)

B. – D. (text unchanged)

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STATE ADMINISTRATOR