

**Title 33**  
**STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS**  
**Subtitle 05 VOTER REGISTRATION**

**33.05.04 Processing VRAs and Other Requests**

Authority: Election Law Article, §§2-102(b)(4), 2-202(b), 3-101, 3-204.1, and 3-301—[3-304] 3-305, Annotated Code of Maryland

**Notice of Proposed Action**

The State Board of Elections proposes to adopt new Regulation .01 and recodify existing Regulations .01 — .06 to be Regulations .02 — .07 under COMAR 33.05.04 Processing VRAs and Other Requests. 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 define how a local board receives and processes voter registration applications (VRA) and other related documents, the minimum information required to register, how certain information is verified, the deadlines to register to vote or update a registration record, and when and how to request personal identification information. Some provisions apply to an individual who registers to vote or updates an address during early voting, but others do not.

The substantive change to COMAR 33.05.04.01 applies the requirements of COMAR 33.05.04.03 (minimum registration information), COMAR 33.05.04.04 (how certain information is verified), and COMAR 33.05.04.06 (request for personal identification information) to the process, while excluding the deadlines and how the application is processed. Also adding a new Regulation .01 necessitated the renumbering of subsequent regulations.

**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 November 16, 2015. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

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#### **.01 Applicability.**

*Except for the requirements in Regulations .03, .04, and .06, this chapter does not apply to the registration and address change process authorized under Election Law Article, §3-305, Annotated Code of Maryland.*

[.01] (.02) – [.06] (.07) (text unchanged)

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