

MARYLAND REGISTER

Emergency Action on Regulations

TO BE COMPLETED BY AELR COMMITTEE	EMERGENCY Transmittal Sheet	TO BE COMPLETED BY DSD
Date Received by AELR Committee		Date Filed with Division of State Documents
04/14/2020		Document Number
Emergency Status Approved		Date of Publication in MD Register
_ -Yes _ -No		
Emergency Status Begins On		
Emergency Status Ends On		
Name of AELR Committee Counsel		

1. COMAR Codification

Title Subtitle Chapter Regulation

33 21 06 01

2. Name of Promulgating Authority

State Board of Elections

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5. Check applicable items:

- New Regulations
- Amendments to Existing Regulations
- Repeal of Existing Regulations
- Incorporation by Reference of Documents Requiring DSD Approval

6. Date Requested for Emergency Status to Begin: 4/14/2020

Date Requested for Emergency Status to Expire: 7/31/2020

7. Agency Will Take the Following Action on These Regulations

- Promulgate them in accordance with State Government Article, §§ 10-101 -- 10-126
- Allow them to expire

8. Is there proposed text which is identical to emergency text:

- Yes - No

9. Check the following item if it is included in the attached document:

- 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.)

10. Reason for Request for Emergency Status

In accordance with the Governor's Proclamations dated March 17, 2020 and April 10, 2020, the State Board of Elections adopted amendments to regulations at its meeting on April 13, 2020 to promote social distancing, as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control, at in-person vote centers for the April 28, 2020 Special General Election in the 7th Congressional District and the 2020 Presidential Primary Election. Specifically, This proposed change removes the requirement for the formal evaluation program for voting centers. The purpose of this evaluation is to collect information on-site about the operation and management of the voting centers. With the current public health emergency, and with current social distancing guidelines in place, it is paramount to limit individuals at voting centers for the next two elections.

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 Andrea Trento, Assistant Attorney General, (telephone #410-576-6472) on April 13, 2020. A signed copy of the approval is on file at this agency.

Name of Authorized Officer

Linda H. Lamone

Title

State Administrator

Date**Telephone No.**

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April 14, 2020

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

33.21.06 Voting Center Procedures

Authority: Election Law Article, §§2-102, 9-503, and 9-506, Annotated Code of
Maryland

Notice of Emergency Action

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The Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review has granted emergency status to repeal of Regulation .01 under COMAR 33.21.06 Voting Center Procedures.

Emergency status began:

Emergency status expires:

Comparison to Federal Standards

There is no corresponding federal standard to this emergency action.

Estimate of Economic Impact

The emergency action has no economic impact.

Economic Impact on Small Businesses

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

Economic Impact Statement Part C

A. Fiscal Year in which regulations will become effective: FY 20

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

Yes

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

General funds

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

E. If these regulations have no economic impact under Part A, indicate reason briefly:
These regulations are 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 are administrative in nature.

G. Response to small business worksheet:

Attached Document:

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[.01 Voting Center Evaluation Program.

The early voting center evaluation program required by COMAR 33.17.06.03 applies to voting centers.]