

MUNICIPAL CHARTERS

SEC. 30-7. BALLOTS FOR ABSENTEE VOTERS.

(A) PRINTING OF BALLOTS, ENVELOPES AND INSTRUCTIONS.

IN SUFFICIENT TIME PRIOR TO ANY ELECTION, THE SUPERVISOR SHALL HAVE AN ADEQUATE NUMBER OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS, THE THREE KINDS OF ENVELOPES DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION, AND THE INSTRUCTIONS TO ABSENTEE VOTERS AS SET OUT IN § 30-8 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(B) FORM OF BALLOTS. THE BALLOTS SHALL CONTAIN THE WORDS "ABSENTEE BALLOT" PRINTED IN LARGE LETTERS IN A CLEAR SPACE AT THE TOP OF EACH PAPER BALLOT. UNDERNEATH THESE WORDS SHALL BE PRINTED THE FOLLOWING WARNING: "MARK BALLOT BY PLACING X IN PROPER BLANK AFTER EACH CANDIDATE OR QUESTION. DO NOT ERASE OR MAKE IDENTIFYING MARK." THE DESIGNATION OF THE ELECTION DISTRICT OR WARD SHALL BE FILLED IN BY THE SUPERVISOR BEFORE BEING SENT TO ANY REGISTERED ABSENTEE VOTER.

(C) ENVELOPES. THE TOWN SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS SHALL PRESCRIBE THE SIZE, FORM AND CONTENT OF THE ABSENTEE BALLOT MATERIAL ENVELOPES, PROVIDING FOR A "COVERING ENVELOPE," A "BALLOT ENVELOPE," AND A "RETURN ENVELOPE."

SEC. 30-8. INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS.

THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE CASTING OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS SHALL BE PRESCRIBED BY THE TOWN SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS.

SEC. 30-9. CANVASSING OF BALLOTS.

(A) OPENING OR UNFOLDING BALLOTS. THE BOARD OF CANVASSERS SHALL NOT OPEN OR UNFOLD ANY ABSENTEE BALLOT AT ANY TIME PRIOR TO THE CLOSING OF THE POLLS AND THE BEGINNING OF THE CANVASS OF THE ABSENTEE BALLOTS.

(B) PROCEDURE GENERALLY. AT ANY TIME AFTER THE CLOSING OF THE POLLS AND NOT LATER THAN THE CANVASS OF THE VOTES CAST AT THE REGULAR VOTING PLACES AT ANY ELECTION, THE BOARD OF CANVASSERS SHALL PROCEED TO COUNT, CERTIFY AND CANVASS THE ABSENTEE BALLOTS CONTAINED IN THE BALLOT ENVELOPES, RECEIVED BY THEM PRIOR TO THE CLOSING OF THE POLLS ON ELECTION DAY. NO BALLOT SHALL BE REJECTED BY THE BOARD EXCEPT BY THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS. THIS CANVASS SHALL BE CONDUCTED BY DISTRICT OR WARD. ALL VOTER'S APPLICATIONS, MEDICAL CERTIFICATES, NOTARIAL AFFIDAVITS, CERTIFICATIONS, BALLOT ENVELOPES AND BALLOTS SHALL BE KEPT SEPARATE AND APART FROM BALLOTS CAST AT THE REGULAR VOTING PLACES AND RETAINED FOR SIX (6) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF ELECTION AT WHICH THEY WERE CAST, UNLESS PRIOR TO THAT TIME, THE SUPERVISOR OF