

space at the top of each [paper] ballot [or of each punchcard] and ON ANY covering folder [as the case may be.] INSTRUCTIONS TO THE VOTERS SHALL BE PRINTED AS FOLLOWS:

(1) If paper ballots are used, underneath [these] THE words "ABSENTEE BALLOT" OR "OFFICIAL BALLOT" 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. If your vote for a candidate or question is marked in such a manner that your intent is not clearly demonstrated, your vote for that office or question shall not be counted. In order to protect the secrecy of your vote, do not put your name, initials, or any identifying mark on your official ballot. If it is determined that a ballot is intentionally marked with an identifying mark the entire ballot will not be counted."

~~(2) If punchcard ballots ON WHICH CANDIDATES' NAMES ARE PRINTED ON THE PUNCHCARD are used, underneath [these] THE words "ABSENTEE BALLOT" OR "OFFICIAL BALLOT" on each punchcard shall be printed the following warning: "Mark ballot by punching out the circled cross after each candidate or question indicating your choice. Do not repair or make identifying mark." If both sides of one or more punchcards are used to accommodate the ballot, the words "vote both sides" and the other wording required by this subsection shall appear on both sides of each punchcard. [Where punchcards are used, these] THESE instructions may appear on stubs attached to the cards which may be removed after the absentee voter has voted.~~

(2) IF PUNCHCARD BALLOTS ON WHICH CANDIDATES' NAMES ARE NOT PRINTED ON THE PUNCHCARD OR OTHER COMPUTER READ DOCUMENTS ARE USED, CLEAR DIRECTIONS SHALL BE PROVIDED TO THE VOTER, EITHER ON THE BALLOT ITSELF OR IN THE INSTRUCTIONS REQUIRED BY SECTION 27-8 OF THIS ARTICLE, ARTICLE. THESE INSTRUCTIONS SHALL INCLUDE INFORMATION AS TO HOW TO MARK THE BALLOT, AND ALSO SHALL CONTAIN THESE INSTRUCTIONS ALSO SHALL WARN A WARNING TO THE VOTER NOT TO REPAIR THE BALLOT, OR MAKE AN IDENTIFYING MARKED MARK ON IT. IF BOTH SIDES OF A BALLOT ARE USED TO LIST CANDIDATES OR QUESTIONS TO BE VOTED ON, THE WORDS "VOTE BOTH SIDES" SHALL APPEAR ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BALLOT. The designation of the election district or ward and the precinct shall be left blank on paper ballots on the back and outside of said ballots [and], on punchcard ballots on each punchcard, ON BALLOTS THAT ARE OTHER COMPUTER READ DOCUMENTS and on the outside of the covering folders for said ballots, and such designation may be filled in by the appropriate board before being sent to any registered absentee voter.

(c) The State Administrative Board of Election Laws shall prescribe the size, form and printed content of the absentee ballot material envelopes, providing for a "covering envelope," a "ballot envelope," and a "return envelope."