

8210.2600 REPLACEMENT BALLOTS.

Subpart 1. **Voter request.** The auditor or clerk must promptly provide a replacement ballot to a voter who requests one because the voter's ballot was lost, spoiled, or never received. The transmittal envelope must be labeled "REPLACEMENT BALLOT" in at least 18-point type. The auditor or clerk must record the following information on the voter's absentee ballot application: the date of the voter's request, the date that a replacement ballot was issued to the voter, and the reason that the voter requested a replacement. If a voter returns a spoiled ballot to the election official, the auditor or clerk must put the returned ballot in a spoiled ballot envelope.

Subp. 2. **Ballot rejected by absentee ballot board.** The auditor or clerk must send a replacement ballot to a voter whose absentee ballot is rejected more than five days before an election, along with an explanation of why the ballot was rejected. The secretary of state must provide election officials with a sample notice with a list of the possible reasons that a ballot could be rejected for use by absentee ballot boards. The transmittal envelope must be labeled "REPLACEMENT BALLOT" in at least 18-point type. The election official must record the following information on the voter's absentee ballot application: the date that the voter's ballot was rejected, the date that a replacement ballot was issued to the voter, and the reason that the previous ballot was rejected. Rejected absentee ballots must be kept in a separate sealed container.

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