

CHAPTER 203

ABSENT AND DISABLED VOTERS

203.01 ABSENT AND DISABLED VOTERS MAY VOTE BY MAIL.

The provisions of the absent voters law requiring an absentee voter to file a verified application for a ballot with the city clerk prior to an election prescribes a mandatory condition precedent to the right of absentee voting, noncompliance with which is ground for rejecting the ballot. *Wichelmann v City of Glencoe*, 200 M 62, 273 NW 638.

The provision requiring a postmaster's signature as attesting witness to be authenticated by his cancelation stamp, is mandatory and not directory, and local election officials may not receive an absentee ballot improperly authenticated by the attesting witness. 1942 OAG 62, Jan. 29, 1942 (639-a).

Voter absent on day of county-wide election on municipal liquor store, may by following the statutory procedure, cast a legal vote. OAG August 13, 1946 (218-C-2).

203.02 APPLICATION FOR BALLOTS.

A disabled person may apply for a ballot up to and including the day before the election. OAG Feb. 20, 1946 (639-A).

203.04 COUNTY AUDITOR TO FILE APPLICATIONS.

No fee is required for absentee ballots. OAG Oct. 25, 1946 (639-a).

203.07 AUDITOR TO DELIVER BALLOTS.

A commissioned officer in the army may administer the oath on voter's application. 1944 OAG 131, Nov. 26, 1943 (639-a).