

**203B.13 ABSENTEE BALLOT BOARDS.**

Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The governing body of any county, any municipality, or any school district may by ordinance or resolution, authorize an absentee ballot board. The board shall consist of a sufficient number of election judges appointed as provided in sections 204B.19 to 204B.22.

Subd. 2. **Duties.** The absentee ballot board may examine all return absentee ballot envelopes and accept or reject absentee ballots in the manner provided in section 203B.12.

The absentee ballot board may begin the process of examining the return envelopes and marking them "accepted" or "rejected" at any time during the 30 days before the election. If an envelope has been rejected at least five days before the election, the ballots in the envelope must be considered spoiled ballots and the official in charge of the absentee ballot board shall provide the voter with a replacement absentee ballot and return envelope in place of the spoiled ballot.

Subd. 3. **Compensation of members.** The municipal clerk shall pay a reasonable compensation to each member of the absentee ballot board for services rendered during each election.

Subd. 3a. [Repealed, 2008 c 244 art 1 s 24]

Subd. 4. **Applicable laws.** Except as otherwise provided by this section, all of the laws applicable to absentee ballots and absentee voters and all other provisions of the Minnesota Election Law shall apply to an absentee ballot board.

**History:** 1981 c 29 art 3 s 13; 1981 c 185 s 3; 1986 c 444; 1987 c 266 art 1 s 19; 1989 c 291 art 1 s 7; 1990 c 585 s 23; 1991 c 320 s 2; 1997 c 147 s 22,23; 2008 c 244 art 1 s 8,9