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Registrars of Voters — Canvass by Mail

(Sections 9-32-1 to 9-32-5)

Registrars of Voters — Canvass by Telephone

(Sections 9-32-6 to 9-32-9)

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Registrars of Voters—Canvass by Mail

Sec. 9-32-1. Applicability of provisions

In any municipality where the registrars of voters cause a canvass of the electors to be made by mail pursuant to subdivision (2) of section 9-32 of the General Statutes, such canvass shall be conducted in accordance with these regulations.

(Effective April 23, 1981)

Sec. 9-32-2. Notice of canvass - general provisions

The registrars shall send to each elector a notice of canvass by first class mail to the residence of such elector as shown on the last completed registry list for the municipality. The notice of canvass shall be on a form on which the elector may furnish information to enable the registrars to correct the registry list as it pertains to such elector. The registrars shall include with the notice a postage paid envelope for the return of the notice, or the notice may be in the form of a post card which is returnable postage paid. For purposes of these regulations, "last completed registry list" means the registry list for the municipality including any changes, additions and deletions made on or before the date when the notice of canvass is sent to the elector.

(Effective April 23, 1981)

Sec. 9-32-3. Notice of canvass - form

(a) **Notice of canvass form.** The notice of canvass shall be in both the English and Spanish languages in affected municipalities; in nonaffected municipalities the notice of canvass may be in the English language only. For purposes of this section, affected municipalities shall mean all municipalities in which 1% or more of their total population, but no less than 500 persons, as reflected on the latest known extrapolations from the Director of the Census, are Hispanic-Americans, including all persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race. The notice of canvass in affected municipalities shall be in substantially the following form:

Notice of Canvass

Date: _____

Name _____

Address _____

Post Office Box _____ (optional)

Date of Birth _____ (optional)

Important! This Concerns Your Right to Vote

The registrars of voters are conducting a canvass of voters as required by law. Please check the statement or statements which apply to you, sign in the space provided below, and immediately return this form.

- () My residence is at the address shown above.
- () I have moved. The address of my new residence is: _____

(If this new residence is in another town, you must register to vote in that town in order to be entitled to vote in the next election.)

- () I am in military service.
- () My name has been changed to: _____
Please record this change on the voter registry list.

Signature of Elector

Important

The Registrars of Voters must receive this form from you within thirty (30) days, completed and signed, so that the voter registry list will show your correct name and residence address. Failure to return this card may affect your right to vote in future elections. Please cooperate by returning this form within thirty (30) DAYS. There is no need to put a stamp on the return form.

Aviso Importante

Dia: _____

Nombre _____

Dirección _____

Apartado de Correo _____ (optional)

Fecha de Nacimiento _____ (optional)

¡Importante! Esto Trata Sobre Su Derecho A Votar

Los registradores de votantes están llevando a cabo una campana de solicitud de votantes, según requerida por ley. Por favor, indique la declaración o declaraciones que apliquen a usted, firme en el espacio provisto más adelante y devuelva este formulario inmediatamente.

- () Mi residencia está en la dirección arriba indicada.
- () Me he mudado. La dirección de mi nueva residencia es: _____

(Si esta nueva residencia es en otro pueblo, usted tiene que inscribirse para votar en ese pueblo para que sea elegible para votar en la próxima elección.)

() Estoy en servicio militar.

() Mi nombre ha sido cambiado a: _____

Por favor regístre este cambio en la lista de votantes inscritos.

Firma del Elector

Importante

Los registradores de votantes deberán recibir este formulario de su parte dentro de treinta (30) días, llenado y firmado, para que la lista de votantes inscritos refleje su nombre y residencia correctos. Dejar de devolver esta tarjeta puede afectar su derecho a votar en elecciones futuras.

Por favor coopere devolviendo este formulario dentro de treinta (30) días. No hay necesidad de poner sello de correo en el formulario.

(b) The notice of canvass in nonaffected municipalities shall be in the form prescribed in subsection (a) or in the English language only prescribed in subsection (a).

(Effective April 23, 1981; amended April 11, 1986 (temporary emergency regulation); amended January 9, 1987)

Sec. 9-32-4. Notice of canvass—failure to return

If the registrars of voters do not receive the notice of canvass from an elector, completed and signed, within 30 days after the date the notice was mailed to such elector, they shall take such action with respect to the removal of the elector's name from the registry list as they shall deem appropriate, subject to the requirements of Section 9-32-9. Such action may be based on other information which they may have received concerning the elector.

(Effective April 23, 1981; amended January 31, 1989)

Sec. 9-32-5.

Repealed, January 31, 1989.

(Effective April 23, 1981; repealed January 31, 1989)

Registrars of Voters—Canvass by Telephone

Sec. 9-32-6. Telephone canvass. Applicability of provisions

In any municipality where the registrars of voters cause a canvass of the electors to be made by telephone pursuant to subdivision (3) of section 9-32 of the general statutes, such telephone canvass shall be conducted in accordance with these regulations.

(Effective January 31, 1989)

Sec. 9-32-7. Telephone canvass—general provisions

(a) A telephone canvass shall be made by the registrar or his designee making a telephone call to the residence of the elector listed on the registry list. If there is no published telephone number or no telephone number in service for the residence of an elector, the registrar or his designee shall note such fact as part of his canvass by telephone.

(b) A telephone call shall qualify as one of the two methods of canvass required before the name of an elector may be removed from the registry list, only when it is made to the household of an elector that has both a published telephone number and a number which is in service at the time the call is made. A call to a changed telephone number provided by the telephone company shall be deemed a published number provided the changed number is identified as relating to the former number. Unlisted numbers shall be deemed published only if they are made available to the registrars of voters by the telephone company. A telephone number of an elector provided to the registrars of voters or town clerk by such elector shall be deemed published; a telephone number of an elector provided to the registrars of voters or town clerk by a person other than such elector shall be deemed not published. If during a telephone canvass a telephone call is made to a telecommunications device for the deaf in an elector's household, said telephone call shall not qualify as one of the two methods of canvass required before the name of an elector may be removed from the registry list unless the registrar or designee uses a similar device or uses a message relay center.

(c) The information solicited by a registrar or designee in a canvass by telephone shall confirm the following information with respect to each elector living within the household: the elector's name and bonafide residence address; whether the elector has recently moved, and, if so, such elector's new residence address, if known; whether the elector is in the military service; and whether the elector's name has changed, and, if so, the elector's new name. An elector's mailing address and date of birth may be similarly solicited but such information shall not be required of the individual providing the information.

(d) The registrar of voters or his designee shall sign a written memorandum of each telephone call made as part of a telephone canvass which shall include the date and time of the telephone call, the telephone number called and, if possible, the name of the person giving the information, which may be anyone answering the telephone and shall not be limited to the elector. In the event that the individual giving the information is speaking Spanish, such fact shall also be recorded. In the event that the number is not published or not in service that fact shall also be made a part of this memorandum.

(e) If the registrars of voters are not able to obtain positive information that an elector is still a bona fide resident of the household called in a telephone canvass, or if the registrars of voters do receive positive information that an elector is no longer a bona fide resident of the household called in a telephone canvass, they shall take such action with respect to the removal of the elector's name from the registry list as they shall deem appropriate subject to the requirements of Section 9-32-9. Such action may be based on other information which they may have received concerning the elector.

(Effective January 31, 1989)

Sec. 9-32-8. Telephone canvass. Bilingual assistance

In affected municipalities, as defined by section 9-32-3, the registrars of voters shall use a Spanish speaking person to communicate with Spanish speaking electors or persons in a telephone canvass. Failure to communicate in such manner to Spanish speaking electors or persons shall mean that the telephone call does not qualify as one of the two methods of canvass required before the name of an elector may be removed from the registry list.

(Effective January 31, 1989)

Sec. 9-32-9. Removal of name from registry list

Telephone canvass or canvass by mail. If, on the basis of either a canvass by mail or a canvass by telephone conducted pursuant to section 9-32 of the general statutes and these regulations, the registrars determine that the name of an elector should be erased from the registry list because of his or her removal from the municipality, they shall proceed as provided in section 9-35 of the general statutes only after having made two (2) attempts during the canvass to contact the elector using at least two (2) of the following methods: by mail, telephone or in person, and only after making a written memorandum of the two methods used and the dates of the two attempts. The canvass by telephone must comply with the provisions of subsections (b) through (e) of Section 9-32-7 and the provisions of Section 9-32-8.

(Effective January 31, 1989)