

# Title 33 STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

## Subtitle 11 ABSENTEE BALLOTS

### Chapter 03 Issuance and Return

Authority: Election Law Article, §§2-102(b)(4), 2-202(b), 8-103, 9-303, 9-305, 9-306, 11-301, 11-302, and 11-304, Annotated Code of Maryland

#### **.06 Return of Ballot.**

##### A. Date Stamp Return Envelope.

(1) *Except as provided in §(A)(2) of this regulation, whenever [Whenever] an absentee ballot is received by a local board office, the election director shall stamp the return envelope with the date received.*

(2) *For the 2020 Presidential General Election held on November 3, 2020, the election director shall:*

(a) *Stamp the return envelope with the date received if the local board received the return envelope on the day before the election or any day thereafter; and*

(b) *Store the return envelopes in a container labeled with the date the ballots were received.*

##### B. – E. (text unchanged)

##### F. Ballots Returned at a Designated Ballot-Return Location.

(1) *A voter can return a voted ballot at a ballot drop off container outside locations that have been designated by the local board to serve as ballot-return locations.*

(2) *The ballot drop off container shall:*

(a) *Be designed to prevent an individual from accessing voted ballots once deposited;*

(b) *Include a statement that tampering with ballots is a crime; and*

(c) *Include the State Board's phone number.*

(3) *The local board shall retrieve ballots according to procedures issued by the State Administrator.*

#### **.08 When Ballots Are Timely.**

##### A. (text unchanged)

##### B. In General. An absentee ballot is considered to have been timely received only if:

(1) (text unchanged)

(2) *The ballot is received by a polling place before the polls close at that polling place on election day; [or]*

(3) *The ballot is deposited into a ballot drop off container before the polls close on election day; or*

[(3)] (4) (text unchanged)

##### C. (text unchanged)