

# Title 33 STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

## Subtitle 11 ABSENTEE BALLOTS

### Chapter 04 Canvass of Ballots — Procedures

Authority: Election Law Article, §§2-102(b)(4), 2-202(b), 9-303, 11-301, 11-302, and 11-304; Public Safety Article, § 14-107(d), Annotated Code of Maryland

#### **.01 Conduct Generally.**

A. – B. (text unchanged)

C. *If a local board provides for:*

(1) *In person observation of a canvass, the local board may use one individual assigned by the election director in lieu of the team required in Regulations .05 and .07; or*

(2) *Remote observation of a canvass, the local board shall use a team as required in Regulation .05 and .07.*

#### **.03 Start of Canvass.**

A. When Required.

[(1) Except as provided in §A(2) of this regulation, the] *The board [shall] may start to canvass the absentee ballots [at 10 a.m. on the Thursday after the election] no earlier than 8 a.m. on October 1, 2020.*

[(2) The board shall start the second absentee ballot canvass at 10 a.m. on the second Friday after an election.

(3) If the start of an absentee canvass falls on a legal holiday, the board shall convene the absentee canvass on the next regular business day.]

B. (text unchanged)