

TITLE 1: GOVERNMENT
DIVISION 6: ELECTIONS

§ 6207. Transfers, Name Changes; Initiated by Executive Director.

(a) The executive director shall use all reliable and pertinent information to keep the general register up-to-date. The executive director may request information from, but is not limited to, the following sources:

1. The Office of the Governor for marriages;
2. The Superior Court of the Northern Mariana Islands for any changes of name, divorces, separations, deaths, or other changes affecting voter status;
3. The Department of Public Health for death or other changes affecting voter status;
4. The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation concerning commencement or changes of services;
5. The Department of Lands and Natural Resources concerning land deeds and homesteading permits and issuance;
6. Residential home, apartment and condominium owners as to changes of occupancy.

In requesting the information the executive director shall give reasonable notice and time for furnishing the information.

(b) If the executive director has evidence indicating that a voter should be transferred, or the registration otherwise changed, the executive director shall notify the person by first-class mail of the intent to transfer or change registration. The notification shall include:

1. Any evidence that the executive director may have indicating why a transfer or change should be made;
2. The residence and district or the voter according to current registration lists;
3. Any alleged new address and district;
4. A reply form which shall contain a space for the voter's agreement or objection to the transfer or change, the reasons for the objection and space for voter's signature; and
5. Notice that unless the completed form is returned not later than 4:30 p.m. on the fifteenth day after mailing, the transfer or change shall be processed.

(c) A voter may contest the transfer or change up to forty days before election day by presenting evidence that the voter actually resides at the old address or that the transfer or change was otherwise erroneous or inappropriate, which, if found valid by the executive director or the Commission, shall entitle the voter to be returned to the old voting list or previous registration.

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