

TITLE 1: GOVERNMENT
DIVISION 6: ELECTIONS

§ 6211. Absentee Voting: Absence from the District in Which Voter is Registered.

(a) Any registered voter of the Commonwealth may, as provided in this part and subject to the conditions of this section, may vote at any election by absentee ballot if he or she feels it likely he or she will be prevented from personally going to the polls in the senatorial district in which he or she is registered to vote and voting on election day because of:

- (1) The conduct of his or her business;
- (2) The necessity of travel;
- (3) Attendance at an institution of learning;
- (4) Serving in the United States Armed Forces or the Merchant Marine;
- (5) Employment;
- (6) Training;
- (7) Receiving treatment at a medical institution;
- (8) Government representation; or
- (9) Accompanying a member of the household who is engaged in an activity listed above.

(b) Any registered voter, under the circumstances specified in subsection (a)(1-9), inclusive, may make an application to the Commission for an official ballot to be voted at such election. Such application if made by mail or by facsimile or by other electronic means approved by the Commission shall be made not more than seventy-five days nor less than twenty-five days before the election, or if the application is made in person, not later than during regular office hours of the day prior to the election. Any such application shall be made in writing on a form furnished by the Commission and shall indicate the applicant's name, last four digits of their social security number, the applicant's election district, the reason for requesting an absentee ballot, any other information required by the Commission, and the address to which the applicant wishes the ballot forwarded if the applicant is not picking up the ballot in person.

(c) Beginning not less than one week before the day of election, the Commission shall establish a mailbox in each senatorial district at which a voter eligible to cast an absentee ballot may, cast and deliver their ballot into the custody of the Commission to be processed and counted in the Third Senatorial District as provided in this chapter.

Source: DL 5-19, § 8, modified; repealed and reenacted by PL 12-18, § 2 (6211), modified; (a) and (c) amended by PL 16-38, § 2-3; (b) and (c) amended by PL 16-43, § 2(a); (b) and (c) amended by PL 17-11 § 8 (August 12, 2010), modified.

Commission Comment: The Commission corrected the reference to “board” with “Commission” in subsection (c), as PL 12-18 replaced the Board of Elections with the Election Commission.

The Commission modified this section pursuant to 1 CMC § 3806(f) and (e).