

**TITLE 1: GOVERNMENT**  
**DIVISION 6: ELECTIONS**

**§ 6212. Absentee Voting: Marking and Mailing Ballots.**

(a) The Commission shall provide to any registered voter entitled to vote by absentee ballot and who applied for one, an official ballot, a ballot envelope, an affidavit prescribed by the Commission, and a reply envelope. The absentee voter shall mark the ballot in the usual manner provided by law and in a manner such that no other person can know how the ballot is marked. The absentee voter shall then deposit the ballot in the ballot envelope and securely seal it. The absentee voter shall then complete and execute the affidavit. The ballot envelope and the affidavit shall then be enclosed and sealed in the covering reply envelope and mailed via standard U.S. First Class Mail only or sent by commercial courier service to the commission at the expense of the voter. Such ballots and affidavits will not be counted by the Commission unless mailed. For the purpose of this part, the word “mailed” includes ballots and affidavits sent through the postal or courier services.

(b) The Executive Director of the Commission shall coordinate with the Public Auditor on the proper procedure of mailing absentee ballots to voters to ensure that the absentee ballots are unmarked, sealed and mailed accordingly.

**Source:** DL 5-19, § 8, modified; repealed and reenacted by PL12-18, § 2 (6212); (b) added by PL 17-11 § 25 (August 12, 2010), modified; subsection (a) amended by PL 18-46 § 3(c) (Apr. 23, 2014), modified.

**Commission Comment:** The Commission modified this section pursuant to 1 CMC § 3806(f). The Commission inserted quotation marks around the word “mailed” in subsection (a) pursuant to 1 CMC § 3806(g).