

Georgia State Election Board Proposed Rulemaking: Rule 183-1-14: Eligibility of Application for Absentee Ballot

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Summary of Rule 183-1-14: Eligibility of Application for Absentee Ballot

The purpose of the rule change is to align the Election Board rules with changes made by Senate Bill 202.

This rule change will:

- Clarify grammar regarding absentee ballot applications requested via the Internet.
- Clarify requirements of the disclaimer appearing on absentee ballot applications sent to requestors.

Analysis of the Sections

183-1-14-.12 Eligibility of Application for Absentee Ballot

Summary: As a result of taking recommendations from public comment during the rulemaking process, the changes provide grammatical clarification to voters and election offices regarding the handling of requests for absentee ballot applications.

183-1-14-.12 Eligibility of Application for Absentee Ballot section (2) addresses how absentee ballot application requests are handled when the request is made on behalf of another voter via the Internet.

The proposed change grammatically clarifies that the applications used to collect personal information of a voter or eligible family member on behalf of another voter via web-based tools or apps are specifically referring to those applications appearing in 183-1-14-.12 section (1). Previous grammar did not specify which type of ballot application was being described.

183-1-14-.12 Eligibility of Application for Absentee Ballot section (3) describes the disclaimer required to appear on absentee ballot applications that are sent to voters upon request. This disclaimer states that the application is not an official government publication, is not provided by any government entity, and is not a ballot. It also must state who is distributing the application along with their address.

The rule change removes the requirement to display the disclaimer on those applications sent by the election superintendent or registrar, presumably because it would then be an official government publication provided by a government entity.

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