203B.065 USING THE REGISTRATION SYSTEM.

Subdivision 1. **Applicability.** A clerk administering absentee ballots pursuant to this section must meet the requirements of section 203B.05, subdivision 1.

Subd. 2. **Use of the statewide voter registration system.** (a) Upon accepting an application for a primary or general election, the county auditor or municipal clerk shall record in the statewide voter registration system the voter's name, date of birth, address of residence in Minnesota, mailing address, Minnesota driver's license or state identification number, or the last four digits of the voter's Social Security number, if provided by the voter. Upon acceptance of an absentee ballot application of a voter who is registered to vote at an address different from the residential address certified on the absentee ballot application, the voter registration record with the previous address shall be challenged. Once the absentee ballot has been transmitted to the voter, the method of transmission and the date of transmission must be recorded.

(b) Upon receipt of a returned absentee ballot for a primary or general election, the county auditor or municipal clerk shall record in the statewide voter registration system that the voter has returned the ballot.

(c) Upon receipt of notice that the ballot board has accepted or rejected the absentee ballot for a primary or general election, the county auditor or municipal clerk shall record in the statewide voter registration system whether the ballot was accepted or rejected, and if rejected, the reason for rejection. If a replacement ballot is transmitted to the voter, the county auditor or municipal clerk shall record this in the statewide voter registration system.

(d) The labels provided for envelopes used for transmitting an absentee ballot to and from an applicant for an absentee ballot for a primary or general election must contain bar codes generated by the statewide voter registration system to facilitate the recording required under this section. A county auditor or municipal clerk entering information into the statewide voter registration system under this section must include the information provided on the bar code label whenever information is entered into the system.

(e) The requirements of this section do not apply to a town election held in March, however the system may be used to administer absentee voting in such an election.

History: *2010 c 194 s 4; 2026 c 102 s 3*

NOTE: The amendments to this section by Laws 2026, chapter 102, section 3, are effective September 1, 2027. Laws 2026, chapter 102, section 3, the effective date.