

Department of State
Elections & Campaign Finance
Administrative Rules for Online Absent Voter Ballot Application
Rule Set 2021-62 ST

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Friday, October 1, 2021

09:00 AM

Cadillac Place Room L-150
3044 W. Grand Blvd. Detroit, MI 48202

The Department of State will hold a public hearing to receive public comments on proposed changes to the Online Absent Voter Ballot Application rule set.

Prior to elections, Michigan Election Law requires voters to submit an application requesting to receive an absent voter ballot for the relevant elections. Voters can submit an application every election, or they can submit one application that covers dual elections. The application that is submitted is in paper format. The proposed rule set would codify current practice established in 2020 and allow the voter to submit an application through a portal online that captures the voter's signature on their driver's license and applies it to the application.

By authority conferred on the Secretary of State by section 31 of 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.31. The proposed rules will take effect immediately after filing with the Secretary of State. The proposed rules are published on the State of Michigan web site at <http://www.michigan.gov/ARD> and in the Michigan Register in the 9/15/2021 issue. Copies of these proposed rules may also be obtained by mail or electronic transmission at the following address: Elections@Michigan.gov.

Comments on these proposed rules may be made at the hearing or by mail or electronic mail at the following address until 10/1/2021 at 05:00PM.

Michigan Bureau of Elections

Email: Elections@Michigan.gov

PO Box 20126, Lansing, MI 48901

The public hearing will be conducted in compliance with the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act. If the hearing is held at a physical location, the building will be accessible with handicap parking available. Anyone needing assistance to take part in the hearing due to disability may call 517-335-3234 to make arrangements.