

57 (4) An election officer who administers an election entirely by absentee ballot shall:

58 (a) (i) obtain, in person, the signatures of each voter within that voting precinct before
59 the election; or

60 (ii) obtain the signature of each voter within the voting precinct from the county clerk;
61 and

62 (b) maintain the signatures on file in the election officer's office.

63 (5) (a) Upon receiving the returned absentee ballots, the election officer shall compare
64 the signature on each absentee ballot with the voter's signature that is maintained on file and
65 verify that the signatures are the same.

66 (b) If the election officer questions the authenticity of the signature on the absentee
67 ballot, the election officer shall immediately contact the voter to verify the signature.

68 (c) If the election official determines that the signature on the absentee ballot does not
69 match the voter's signature that is maintained on file, the election officer shall:

70 (i) unless the absentee ballot application deadline described in Section 20A-3-304 has
71 passed, immediately send another absentee ballot and other voting materials as required by this
72 section to the voter; and

73 (ii) disqualify the initial absentee ballot.

74 (6) An election officer of a qualified entity may not administer an election by absentee
75 ballot unless the qualified entity:

76 (a) provides at least one election day voting center, in accordance with Chapter 3, Part

77 7 H→ [; and an additional election day voting center for every 100,000 residents in the qualified
78 entity's jurisdiction] ←H ; and

79 (b) does not require an individual who chooses to vote in the election at an election day
80 voting center to submit a complete or incomplete absentee ballot at the election day voting
81 center.

82 Section 2. Section **20A-3-306** is amended to read:

83 **20A-3-306. Voting ballot -- Returning ballot.**

84 (1) (a) Except as provided by Section 20A-1-308, to vote a mail-in absentee ballot, the
85 absentee voter shall:

86 (i) complete and sign the affidavit on the envelope;

87 (ii) mark the votes on the absentee ballot;