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Exempt Action Final Regulation Agency Background Document

Agency name	State Board of Elections
Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) citation	1VAC20-70-20
Regulation title	Material Omissions from Absentee Ballots.
Action title	Substantial Compliance for Absentee Envelope B
Final agency action date	6/25/2013
Document preparation date	6/25/2013

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Summary

Please provide a brief summary of all regulatory changes, including the rationale behind such changes. Alert the reader to all substantive matters or changes. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.

The proposed amendment provided a substantial compliance standard for deficiencies related to assembling the voted ballot package for return to local election officials. The staff proposed clarifying language in response to comments received. The Board approved the revised language amending the existing regulation defining material omissions from Absentee Ballot Envelope B.

Statement of final agency action

Please provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including (1) the date the action was taken, (2) the name of the agency taking the action, and (3) the title of the regulation.

The State Board Elections at its meeting on June 25, 2013, approved the revised amendment to the regulation titled Material Omissions from Absentee Ballots, 1 VAC 20-70-20.

Family impact

Assess the impact of this regulatory action on the institution of the family and family stability.

None.