721—21.361 (53) Rejection of absentee ballot. The absentee and special voters precinct board shall reject absentee ballots without opening the envelope marked with the affidavit if any of the conditions cited in Iowa Code section 53.25 exist.

21.361(1) An absentee ballot shall be rejected if the affidavit lacks the voter's signature.

21.361(2) An absentee ballot shall be rejected if the applicant is not a duly registered voter in the precinct in which the ballot is cast. "Precinct" means a precinct established pursuant to Iowa Code sections 49.3 through 49.5 or a consolidated precinct established by the commissioner pursuant to Iowa Code section 49.11, subsection 3, paragraph *"a."*

21.361(3) An absentee ballot shall be rejected if the envelope marked with the affidavit is open.

21.361(4) An absentee ballot shall be rejected if the envelope marked with the affidavit has been opened and resealed.

21.361(5) An absentee ballot shall be rejected if the envelope marked with the affidavit contains more than one ballot of any kind.

21.361(6) An absentee ballot shall be rejected if the voter has voted in person at the polls.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 49.9 and section 53.25 as amended by 2014 Iowa Acts, House File 2366, division II.

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