

49.81 Procedure for challenged voter to cast provisional ballot.

1. A prospective voter who is prohibited under section 48A.8, subsection 4, section 49.77, subsection 4, or section 49.80 from voting except under this section shall be notified by the appropriate precinct election official that the voter may cast a provisional ballot. If a booth meeting the requirement of section 49.25 is not available at that polling place, the precinct election officials shall make alternative arrangements to insure the challenged voter the opportunity to vote in secret. The marked ballot, folded as required by section 49.84, shall be delivered to a precinct election official who shall immediately seal it in an envelope of the type prescribed by subsection 4. The sealed envelope shall be deposited in an envelope marked "provisional ballots" and shall be considered as having been cast in the special precinct established by section 53.20 for purposes of the postelection canvass.

2. Each person who casts a provisional ballot under this section shall receive a printed statement in substantially the following form:

Your qualifications as a registered voter have been challenged for the following reasons:

I.

II.

III.

You must show identification before your ballot can be counted. Please bring or mail a copy of a current and valid photo identification card to the county commissioner's office or bring or mail a copy of one of the following current documents that show your name and address:

a. Utility bill.

b. Bank statement.

c. Paycheck.

d. Government check.

e. Other government document.

Your right to vote will be reviewed by the special precinct counting board on You have the right and are encouraged to make a written statement and submit additional written evidence to this board supporting your qualifications as a registered voter. This written statement and evidence may be given to an election official of this precinct on election day or mailed or delivered to the county commissioner of elections, but must be received before a.m./p.m. on at If your ballot is not counted you will receive, by mail, notification of this fact and the reason that the ballot was not counted.

3. Any elector may present written statements or documents, supporting or opposing the counting of any provisional ballot, to the precinct election officials on election day, until the hour for closing the polls. Any statements or documents so presented shall be delivered to the commissioner when the election supplies are returned.

4. The individual envelopes used for each provisional ballot cast pursuant to subsection 1 shall have printed on them the following:

I believe I am a registered voter of this county and I am eligible to vote in this election. I registered to vote in

..... county on or about at My name at that time was I have not moved to a different county since that time. I am a United States citizen, at least eighteen years of age.
signature of voter) (date) The following information is to be provided by the precinct election official:
Reason for challenge:

Did not present required identification form. signature of precinct election official)

The precinct election official shall attach a completed voter registration form from each provisional voter unless the person's registration status is listed in the election register as pending.

[C77, 79, 81, § 49.81]

87 Acts, ch 221, § 19, 20; 94 Acts, ch 1169, §51, 64; 2002 Acts, ch 1134, §40, 115; 2004 Acts, ch 1083, §20, 37; 2004 Acts, ch 1175, §358