

721—21.301(53) Absentee ballot requests from voters whose registration records are inactive.

21.301(1) *In person.* Absentee voters whose registration records are inactive and who appear in person to vote, either at the office of the commissioner or at a satellite absentee voting station, shall be required to provide identification before voting. The voter may present any of the identification documents prescribed in subrule 21.3(3). If the voter does not have appropriate identification documents, the official or staff person receiving the application shall challenge the ballot and notify the voter that the voter must provide a copy of the appropriate form of identification not later than the date upon which the absentee and special precinct board will meet to review provisional ballots after election day pursuant to Iowa Code section 50.21.

21.301(2) *By mail.* When a request for an absentee ballot is received by mail from a voter whose registration record has been made inactive pursuant to Iowa Code section 48A.29, the commissioner shall respond to the request.

a. Form. The commissioner shall send a voter registration form and the following notice:

Notice to the Voter:

Your request for an absentee ballot has been received and processed. However, our records show that your voter registration is not currently active. To restore your registration, please complete the enclosed voter registration form and return it to:

County Auditor

(Address)

Return the registration form separately. Do not enclose it with your absentee ballot.

This registration form must be received in my office no later than (the time the polls close) on (election day), or be postmarked no later than (the day before election day).

b. Instructions to commissioner. If the registration form is received by the deadline for receipt of absentee ballots as prescribed in Iowa Code section 53.17, and all other legal requirements are met, the ballot shall be counted. If the return carrier envelope is received before the registration form, the envelope shall not be opened but shall be held until the deadline for receipt of absentee ballots. If the registration form has not been received by the deadline, the officials of the absentee and special voters precinct board shall open the return carrier envelope. If the registration form is enclosed, and all other legal requirements are met, the ballots shall be counted. However, if the registration form is not enclosed in the return carrier envelope, the affidavit envelope containing the ballot shall not be opened.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 48A.29 and 53.2.