

721—21.306(53) Incomplete absentee ballot applications. If the commissioner receives an absentee ballot request lacking any of the information required by 2017 Iowa Acts, House File 516, section 6(4)(a), the commissioner shall obtain the necessary information by the best means available pursuant to 2017 Iowa Acts, House File 516, section 6(4)(a). “Best means available,” for the purposes of this rule, means contacting the voter directly by mail, email, or telephone or in person. Commissioners may not use the voter registration system to obtain the information.

21.306(1) If the voter does not have current access to the voter identification card, the commissioner shall verify the voter’s identity by asking the voter to provide at least two of the following facts about the voter:

- a.* Date of birth;
- b.* Last four digits of the voter’s social security number (if the number is stored within I-Voters);
- c.* Driver’s license or nonoperator’s identification card number (if the number is stored within I-Voters);
- d.* Address;
- e.* Middle name;
- f.* Voter verification number pursuant to Iowa Code section 53.2(4).

21.306(2) If an unregistered person offering to vote an absentee ballot pursuant to Iowa Code section 53.10 or 53.11 prior to the pre-registration deadline does not have an Iowa-issued driver’s license, a nonoperator’s identification card, or a voter identification card, the person may satisfy residence and identity requirements in the manner described by 2017 Iowa Acts, House File 516, section 27. This section shall also apply to a registered voter casting a ballot pursuant to Iowa Code section 53.10 or 53.11 who has not yet received a voter verification number.

21.306(3) This provision shall not apply to the absence of a preferred political party ballot for primaries held pursuant to Iowa Code section 53.2(5).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 53.2 as amended by 2017 Iowa Acts, House File 516, section 6.

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