

**53.25 Rejecting ballot.**

1. *a.* If the absentee voter's affidavit lacks the voter's signature, if the applicant is not a duly registered voter on election day in the precinct where the absentee ballot was cast, if the envelope marked with the affidavit contains more than one ballot of any one kind, or if the voter has voted in person, such vote shall be rejected by the absentee and special voters precinct board. If the affidavit envelope or return envelope marked with the affidavit is open, or has been opened and resealed, or if the ballot is not enclosed in such envelope, and an affidavit envelope or return envelope marked with the affidavit with the same serial number and marked "Replacement ballot" is not attached as provided in [section 53.18](#), the ballot shall be rejected by the absentee and special voters precinct board.

*b.* If a voter casts a provisional ballot pursuant to [section 49.78, subsection 7](#), and the voter has failed to establish the voter's identity at the commissioner's office, the provisional ballot shall be rejected by the absentee and special voters precinct board.

2. If the absentee or provisional ballot is rejected prior to the opening of the affidavit envelope or return envelope marked with the affidavit, the voter casting the ballot shall be notified by a precinct election official by the time the canvass is completed of the reason for the rejection on a form prescribed by the state commissioner of elections.

[SS15, §1137-j; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §951; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §53.25]

[94 Acts, ch 1169, §64; 2007 Acts, ch 215, §234; 2009 Acts, ch 57, §69; 2014 Acts, ch 1101, §24, 32; 2017 Acts, ch 110, §33, 35, 36](#)

Referred to in [§50.22, 53.49](#)

2017 amendment takes effect July 1, 2017, and applies to elections held on or after that date; [2017 Acts, ch 110, §35, 36; 2017 Acts, ch 170, §26](#)