

Sent: Monday, November 2, 2020 8:38 PM

To: Marks, Jonathan

Subject: Important DOS Email - Clarification regarding Ballots Set Aside During Pre-canvass

*** This is an external email. Please use caution when clicking on links and downloading attachments ***

Dear County Election Directors,

The Department of State has been asked whether county boards of elections can provide information to authorized representatives and representatives of political parties during the pre-canvass about voters whose absentee and mail-in ballots have been rejected. The Department issued provisional ballot guidance on October 21, 2020, that explains that voters whose completed absentee or mail-in ballots are rejected by the county board for reasons unrelated to voter qualifications may be issued a provisional ballot. To facilitate communication with these voters, the county boards of elections should provide information to party and candidate representatives during the pre-canvass that identifies the voters whose ballots have been rejected and should promptly update the SURE system.

Kind regards,

Jonathan M. Marks

Deputy Secretary for Elections & Commissions
Pennsylvania Department of State

302 North Office Building | Harrisburg, PA 17120
☎ 717.783.2035 📠 717.787.1734

✉ jmarks@pa.gov

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
HARRISBURG, PA 17120