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### LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1960-1970.

Local Government Department,  
Perth, 15th April, 1971.

HIS Excellency the Governor in Executive Council acting pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1960-1970 has been pleased to make the regulations set out in the Schedule hereunder.

R. C. PAUST,  
Secretary for Local Government.

#### Schedule.

#### Regulations.

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| Principal regulations.            | 1. In these regulations the Local Government (Absent Voting) Regulations, published in the <i>Government Gazette</i> on the 25th March, 1970, are referred to as the principal regulations.                        |
| Regulation 3 amended.             | 2. Regulation 3 of the principal regulations is amended by substituting for the passage "form set out in Form No. 51" in line three, the passage "appropriate form set out in either Form No. 51 or Form No. 51A". |
| Schedule revoked and substituted. | 3. The Schedule to the principal regulations is revoked and the following Schedule substituted.  |

## SCHEDULE.

Form No. 51.

Western Australia

Local Government Act, 1960

(Section 111)

APPLICATION FOR AN ABSENT VOTE CERTIFICATE AND  
ABSENT VOTING PAPER OR VOTING PAPERS  
(ELECTION FOR COUNCILLOR/S)

To the Returning Officer for the Municipality of the .....

of .....

I, .....

(Insert full name)

of .....

(Address)

(Occupation)

hereby apply for an absent vote certificate and an absent voting paper or voting papers to enable me to vote in absence at the forthcoming election or poll or both (as the case requires).

I solemnly and sincerely declare—

(a) that I am enrolled on the Electoral Roll for the Municipal District of the  
of  
the  
ward.

(complete if applicable)

(b) that I am a natural born or naturalised British subject and that I have attained the age of twenty-one years.

(c) that the ground on which I apply to vote by post is—

\*NOTE—  
The elector  
must STRIKE  
OUT any of  
these grounds  
which do not  
apply to his or  
her particular  
case.

\* (i) that I reside more than five miles from the nearest polling place appointed for the election or poll to be held on the day of 19 ;

\* (ii) that I have reason to believe that, throughout the hours of polling on the day of 19 (the day on which the forthcoming election or poll is to be held), I will be more than five miles from the nearest appointed polling place;

\*(iii) that I have reason to believe that throughout the hours of polling on the day of 19 (the day on which the forthcoming election or poll is to be held) I will be absent from the Municipal District/Ward(s) in which polling places have been appointed for the following reasons

(Reason must be stated)

\*(iv) that I have reason to believe that on the day appointed for the holding of the election or poll I will be prevented by illness or infirmity from attending a polling place appointed for the election or poll;

\*(v) that I have reason to believe that on the day appointed for the holding of the election or poll I will be prevented by approaching maternity from attending a polling place appointed for the election or poll;

\*(vi) that my religious beliefs prevent me from casting a vote on the day appointed for the holding of the election or poll.

And I make this solemn declaration by virtue of Section one hundred and six of the Evidence Act, 1906.

Declared at..... }  
and signed by..... } (Signature of Applicant.)  
..... }  
in his own handwriting }  
before me..... }  
..... }(Signature of Witness)  
(own handwriting)

Date.....

(Qualification of Witness)  
(own handwriting)

Note.—Penalty for making a false statement in the application is that prescribed by S.111(5)—\$200.

No person shall witness the signature of an Elector to an application unless:—

(a) he has satisfied himself as to the identity of the applicant;

(b) he has seen the applicant sign the application in his (the applicant's) own handwriting.

Penalty: \$100 S.111(7).

Note.—For duties of a voter and authorised witness, see back hereof.

## [Back of Form 51]

The provisions of Section 113 of the abovementioned Act are as follows:—

113. An authorised witness for the purposes of witnessing absent voting applications and absent vote certificates is—

- (a) within the State—any person who is enrolled as an elector on a roll for an Electoral District under and for the purposes of the Electoral Act, 1907.
- (b) outside the State and within the Commonwealth of Australia—any person who is enrolled as an elector on a roll for an Electoral District under and for the purposes of the Electoral Act, 1907; any Justice of the Peace for any State of the Commonwealth; any member of the Police Force of the Commonwealth or of any State; any officer of the Public Service of any State or of the Commonwealth employed in any State or Commonwealth Electoral Office; any legally qualified medical practitioner; any minister of religion; any postmaster or postmistress and any commissioned officer of the Naval, Military or Air Forces of the Commonwealth;
- (c) outside the Commonwealth—any person who is enrolled as an elector on a roll for an Electoral District under and for the purposes of the Electoral Act, 1907; any officer of the Naval, Military or Air Forces of the Commonwealth or some other part of Her Majesty's Dominions; any person employed in the Public Service of the Commonwealth or the State; any High Commissioner, Trade Commissioner or Agent General for the Commonwealth or any State of the Commonwealth,

except where he is a candidate for election in respect of a district or ward in respect of which the applicant is proposing to make the application.

## DUTIES OF A VOTER AND AN AUTHORISED WITNESS

Sections 111, 114, 116.

Persons entitled to vote in absence are those who reside more than five miles from a polling place at which they are entitled to vote, persons who have reason to believe that throughout the hours of polling on polling day, they will be more than five miles from the nearest polling place appointed; persons who have reason to believe that they will be absent on polling day from the Municipal District/Ward(s) in which the election or poll is to be held; persons who have reason to believe that they will be prevented, by illness or infirmity, from attending at a polling place at which they are entitled to vote, women who have reason to believe that they will be prevented by approaching maternity from attending a polling place at which they are entitled to vote; persons whose religious beliefs prevent them from voting on the particular day on which the election or poll is to be held.

The elector must complete an application, in the prescribed form, sign it before an authorised witness, who must also attest it, and forward it or deliver it to the returning officer so that—

- (i) if posted to the returning officer, it is delivered to him in the ordinary course of post not later than twelve o'clock noon on the first of the two days last preceding the day appointed for the holding of the election or poll; or
- (ii) if delivered otherwise than by post, it is received by the returning officer, not later than four o'clock in the afternoon of the day immediately preceding the day appointed for the holding of the election or poll;
- (iii) in either case not sooner than thirty five days prior to the day appointed for the holding of the election or poll.

On receipt from the returning officer of the absent voting paper, the elector must take this before an authorised witness, exhibit it to him unmarked, and must then sign his name on the absent vote certificate on the envelope addressed to the returning officer. The authorised witness witnesses that signature and adds his own signature, and his qualification. The elector then marks the voting paper, without letting the witness see how it is marked, folds it, inserts it in the envelope marked "Ballot Paper", and seals that envelope and places it in the envelope addressed to the returning officer, and fastens that envelope which the elector posts or delivers, or causes to be posted or delivered (not by a person who is a candidate for the election) to the returning officer.

If the elector has eyesight so defective that he cannot mark his voting paper, or if he cannot read or write, he may appoint a person who may be the authorised witness but may not be a person who is a candidate for the election, to mark the voting paper for him and that person shall, in the presence of the authorised witness, mark the voting paper, fold it so that the vote cannot be seen, place it in the envelope marked "Ballot Paper", seal this envelope and either hand it to the elector who shall deal with it in accordance with the procedure detailed in the preceding paragraph, or request the authorised witness to carry out that procedure. The authorised witness must not attempt to discover how the elector votes, except when requested to mark the voting paper by a blind person, or one who cannot read or write.

Any person present when an absent vote is being taken must obey directions given to him by the authorised witness and shall not look at the elector's vote or do anything to become acquainted with how he votes, except where he has been requested to mark the voting paper by a blind person or one who cannot read or write.

Western Australia  
Local Government Act, 1960  
(Section 111)

Form 51A

APPLICATION FOR AN ABSENT VOTE CERTIFICATE AND  
ABSENT VOTING PAPER OR VOTING PAPERS  
(ELECTION FOR MAYOR/PRESIDENT)

To the Returning Officer for the Municipality of the.....  
of.....  
I,.....  
(Insert full name)

of.....  
(Address) (Occupation)

hereby apply for an absent vote certificate and an absent voting paper or voting papers to enable me to vote in absence at the forthcoming election or poll or both (as the case requires).

I solemnly and sincerely declare—

(a) that I am enrolled on the Electoral Roll for the Municipal District of the  
of ward. for  
the (complete if applicable)

(b) that I am enrolled for the following land.....

(c) that I am a natural born or naturalised British subject and that I have attained the age of twenty-one years.

(d) that the ground on which I apply to vote by post is—

\*NOTE.— The elector must STRIKE OUT any of these grounds which do not apply to his or her particular case.  
\* (i) that I reside more than five miles from the nearest polling place appointed for the election or poll to be held on the day of 19 ;  
\* (ii) that I have reason to believe that throughout the hours of polling on the day of 19 (the day on which the forthcoming election or poll is to be held) I will be more than five miles from the nearest appointed polling place;

\* (iii) that I have reason to believe that throughout the hours of polling on the day of 19 (the day on which the forthcoming election or poll is to be held) I will be absent from the Municipal District/Ward(s) in which polling places have been appointed for the following reasons

(Reasons must be stated)

\* (iv) that I have reason to believe that on the day appointed for the holding of the election or poll I will be prevented by illness or infirmity from attending a polling place appointed for the election or poll;

\* (v) that I have reason to believe that on the day appointed for the holding of the election or poll I will be prevented by approaching maternity from attending a polling place appointed for the election or poll;

\* (vi) that my religious beliefs prevent me from casting a vote on the day appointed for the holding of the election or poll.

And I make this solemn declaration by virtue of section one hundred and six of the Evidence Act, 1906.

Declared at..... } (Signature of Applicant)  
and signed by..... }  
in his own handwriting }  
before me..... }

(Signature of Witness)  
(own handwriting)

Date.....

(Qualification of Witness)  
(own handwriting)

Note.—Penalty for making a false statement in the application is that prescribed by S.111(5)—\$200.

No person shall witness the signature of an Elector to an application unless:—

(a) he has satisfied himself as to the identity of the applicant.

(b) he has seen the applicant sign the application in his (the applicant's) own handwriting.

Penalty: \$100 S.111(7).

Note.—For duties of a voter and authorised witness, see back hereof.

## [Back of Form 51A]

The provisions of Section 113 of the abovementioned Act are as follows:—

113. An authorised witness for the purposes of witnessing absent voting applications and absent vote certificates is—

- (a) within the State—any person who is enrolled as an elector on a roll for an Electoral District under and for the purposes of the Electoral Act, 1907.
- (b) outside the State and within the Commonwealth of Australia—any person who is enrolled as an elector on a roll for an Electoral District under and for the purposes of the Electoral Act, 1907; any Justice of the Peace for any State of the Commonwealth; any member of the Police Force of the Commonwealth or of any State; any officer of the Public Service of any State or of the Commonwealth employed in any State or Commonwealth Electoral Office; any legally qualified medical practitioner; any minister of religion; any postmaster or postmistress and any commissioned officer of the Naval, Military or Air Forces of the Commonwealth;
- (c) outside the Commonwealth—any person who is enrolled as an elector on a roll for an Electoral District under and for the purposes of the Electoral Act, 1907; any officer of the Naval, Military or Air Forces of the Commonwealth or some other part of Her Majesty's Dominions; any person employed in the Public Service of the Commonwealth or the State; any High Commissioner, Trade Commissioner or Agent General for the Commonwealth or any State of the Commonwealth,

except where he is a candidate for election in respect of a district or ward in respect of which the applicant is proposing to make the application.

## DUTIES OF A VOTER AND AN AUTHORISED WITNESS

Sections 111, 114, 116.

Persons entitled to vote in absence are those who reside more than five miles from a polling place at which they are entitled to vote; persons who have reason to believe that throughout the hours of polling on polling day, they will be more than five miles from the nearest polling place appointed; persons who have reason to believe that they will be absent on polling day from the Municipal District/Ward(s) in which the election or poll is to be held; persons who have reason to believe that they will be prevented, by illness or infirmity, from attending at a polling place at which they are entitled to vote; women who have reason to believe that they will be prevented by approaching maternity from attending a polling place at which they are entitled to vote; persons whose religious beliefs prevent them from voting on the particular day on which the election or poll is to be held.

The elector must complete an application, in the prescribed form, sign it before an authorised witness, who must also attest it, and forward it or deliver it to the returning officer so that—

- (i) if posted to the returning officer, it is delivered to him in the ordinary course of post not later than twelve o'clock noon on the first of the two days last preceding the day appointed for the holding of the election or poll; or
- (ii) if delivered otherwise than by post, it is received by the returning officer, not later than four o'clock in the afternoon of the day immediately preceding the day appointed for the holding of the election or poll;
- (iii) in either case not sooner than thirty five days prior to the day appointed for the holding of the election or poll.

On receipt from the returning officer of the absent voting paper, the elector must take this before an authorised witness, exhibit it to him unmarked, and must then sign his name on the absent vote certificate on the envelope addressed to the returning officer. The authorised witness witnesses that signature and adds his own signature, and his qualification. The elector then marks the voting paper, without letting the witness see how it is marked, folds it, inserts it in the envelope marked "Ballot Paper", and seals that envelope and places it in the envelope addressed to the returning officer, and fastens that envelope which the elector posts or delivers, or causes to be posted or delivered (not by a person who is a candidate for the election) to the returning officer.

If the elector has eyesight so defective that he cannot mark his voting paper, or if he cannot read or write, he may appoint a person who may be the authorised witness but may not be a person who is a candidate for the election, to mark the voting paper for him and that person shall, in the presence of the authorised witness, mark the voting paper, fold it so that the vote cannot be seen, place it in the envelope marked "Ballot Paper", seal this envelope and either hand it to the elector who shall deal with it in accordance with the procedure detailed in the preceding paragraph, or request the authorised witness to carry out that procedure. The authorised witness must not attempt to discover how the elector votes, except when requested to mark the voting paper by a blind person, or one who cannot read or write.

Any person present when an absent vote is being taken must obey directions given to him by the authorised witness and shall not look at the elector's vote or do anything to become acquainted with how he votes, except where he has been requested to mark the voting paper by a blind person or one who cannot read or write.

Form No. 52

Western Australia

Local Government Act, 1960  
(Section 111(4))

APPLICATION FOR AN ABSENT VOTE CERTIFICATE AND ABSENT  
VOTING PAPER OR ABSENT VOTING PAPERS

To the Returning Officer for the Municipality of the.....  
of.....:—

I, .....  
(insert full name, address and occupation)

hereby lodge this application as a standing request that you supply me with Absent Voting  
Certificates and Absent Voting Papers for the purpose of voting in absence at all elections and  
polls connected with the Municipality at which I am entitled to vote, and for which the nearest  
polling place appointed is more than twenty miles from my place of residence.

This request is your authority so to do until it is countermanded by me by written advice  
to that effect, or the grant is cancelled by you under the provisions of Section 111(4) of the  
Local Government Act, 1960-1969.

I solemnly and sincerely declare that:—

(1) I am an elector of the Municipality of the.....  
of.....and enrolled on the electoral  
roll, for the.....Ward.  
(complete if applicable)

(2) I am a natural born or naturalised British subject, and I have attained the age of  
twenty-one years.

My address to which I request you to forward Absent Voting Certificates and Absent Voting  
Papers is:—

.....  
.....

And I make this solemn declaration by virtue of section one hundred and six of the Evidence  
Act, 1906.

Declared at..... } (Signature of Applicant)  
and signed by..... }  
in his own handwriting. }  
before me..... }

Date..... (Signature of Witness)  
(Own handwriting)

.....  
(Qualification of Witness)  
(Own Handwriting)

Note.—Penalty for making a false statement in the application is that prescribed by  
S.111(5)—\$200.

No person shall witness the signature of an Elector to an application unless:—

- (a) he has satisfied himself as to the identity of the applicant.
- (b) he has seen the applicant sign the application in his (the applicant's) own hand-  
writing.

Penalty: \$100 S.111(7)

Note.—For duties of a voter and authorised witness, see back hereof.

## [Back of Form 52]

The provisions of Section 113 of the abovementioned Act are as follows:—

113. An authorised witness for the purposes of witnessing absent voting applications and absent vote certificates is—

- (a) within the State—any person who is enrolled as an elector on a roll for an Electoral District under and for the purposes of the Electoral Act, 1907;
- (b) outside the State and within the Commonwealth of Australia—any person who is enrolled as an elector on a roll for an Electoral District under and for the purposes of the Electoral Act, 1907; any Justice of the Peace for any State of the Commonwealth; any member of the Police Force of the Commonwealth or of any State; any officer of the Public Service of any State or of the Commonwealth employed in any State or Commonwealth Electoral Office; any legally qualified medical practitioner; any minister of religion; any postmaster or postmistress and any commissioned officer of the Naval, Military or Air Forces of the Commonwealth;
- (c) outside the Commonwealth—any person who is enrolled as an elector on a roll for an Electoral District under and for the purposes of the Electoral Act, 1907; any officer of the Naval, Military or Air Forces of the Commonwealth or some other part of Her Majesty's Dominions; any person employed in the Public Service of the Commonwealth or the State; any High Commissioner, Trade Commissioner or Agent General for the Commonwealth or any State of the Commonwealth,

except where he is a candidate for election in respect of a district or ward in respect of which the applicant is proposing to make the application.

## DUTIES OF A VOTER AND AN AUTHORISED WITNESS

Sections 111, 114, 116.

The Governor may declare a Municipal District or ward as one in which an elector may request the returning officer to supply him, from time to time, as elections or polls at which he is entitled to vote are to be held, without further application, than that contained in this form, with an absent voting certificate, and absent voting papers.

If the applicant desires this application to be effective for an election, he shall deliver or cause it to be delivered to the clerk, at least fourteen days before the election and the clerk, as returning officer shall consider the application in relation to the first election held after he received it.

If the returning officer is satisfied that the application is properly signed and attested, and that the elector is entitled to vote, he shall endorse it substantially in the manner prescribed in Section 111(4) of the Local Government Act.

Until the grant of the application is cancelled, the returning officer shall, without further application cause to be delivered to the elector the appropriate absent voting certificate and absent voting papers, for every election or poll at which the elector is entitled to vote.

On receipt from the returning officer of the absent voting paper, the elector must take this before an authorised witness, exhibit it to him unmarked, and must then sign his name on the absent vote certificate on the envelope addressed to the returning officer. The authorised witness witnesses that signature and adds his own signature, and his qualification. The elector then marks the voting paper, without letting the witness see how it is marked, folds it, inserts it in the envelope marked "Ballot Paper", and seals that envelope which the elector posts or delivers, or causes to be posted or delivered (not by a person who is a candidate for the election) to the returning officer.

If the elector has eyesight so defective that he cannot mark his voting paper, or if he cannot read or write, he may appoint a person, who may be the authorised witness, but may not be a person who is a candidate for the election, to mark the voting paper for him and that person shall, in the presence of the authorised witness, mark the voting paper, fold it so that the vote cannot be seen, place it in the envelope marked "Ballot Paper" seal this envelope and either hand it to the elector who shall deal with it in accordance with the procedure detailed in the preceding paragraph, or request the authorised witness to carry out that procedure. The authorised witness must not attempt to discover how the elector votes, except when requested to mark the voting paper by a blind person, or one who cannot read or write.

Any person present when an absent vote is being taken must obey directions given to him by the authorised witness and shall not look at the elector's vote or do anything to become acquainted with how he votes, except where he has been requested to mark the voting paper by a blind person or one who cannot read or write.

[Printed Envelope]  
**The Returning Officer,**  
of .....

[Back of Envelope]

Form No. 53.

Western Australia

Local Government Act, 1960  
(Section 112)

ABSENT VOTE CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that.....(Full Name of Elector)  
of.....is entitled to vote in  
(Address)

absence in respect of the Municipality of the.....  
of.....at the election or poll or both (as  
the case requires) to be held on the.....day of.....  
19.....

(Signature of Returning Officer).

Certificate of Elector.

I, the person named in the above certificate hereby certify that the  
Signature of elector hereunder is my personal signature written by me  
with my own hand.

(Signature of Elector)  
(In Elector's own handwriting)

Certificate of Authorised Witness.

I hereby certify that the above certificate was signed by the elector  
in his or her own handwriting in my presence at.....  
(here insert address of place where signature is made and witnessed.)

Address of Witness.....

(Signature of Authorised Witness)

(State Qualifications of Authorised Witness)

Note.—Any person who signs this certificate as witness without having  
seen the voter sign the above certificate is liable to a penalty of \$200.

Authorised Witnesses  
(within the State)

Any person who is enrolled as an elector on a roll for an Electoral District  
under and for the purposes of the Electoral Act, 1907, except where  
he is a candidate for election in respect of a district or ward in respect  
of which the applicant is proposing to make the application.

N.B. For authorised witnesses elsewhere refer to reverse of Application  
for an Absent Vote Certificate and Absent Voting Papers or Absent  
Voting Papers (Forms 51, 51A and 52).



Form No. 54

Western Australia  
*Local Government Act, 1960*

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ABSENT VOTING PAPER

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(Here set out form of voting paper as the case may require)

Directions—In order to cast a VALID vote place in EACH square a NUMERAL commencing with the numeral "1", whether there are only TWO squares or more than TWO squares. The numeral "1" indicates the elector's first choice, the numeral "2" indicates the elector's second choice, the numeral "3" indicates the elector's third choice and so on, but DO NOT PLACE A CROSS IN A SQUARE.

Note.—For duties of a voter and authorised witness, see back hereof.

[Back of Form 54]



The provisions of Section 113 of the abovementioned Act are as follows:—

113. An authorised witness for the purposes of witnessing absent voting applications and absent vote certificates is—

- (a) within the State—any person who is enrolled as an elector on a roll for an Electoral District under and for the purposes of the Electoral Act, 1907.
- (b) outside the State and within the Commonwealth of Australia—any person who is enrolled as an elector on a roll for an Electoral District under and for the purposes of the Electoral Act, 1907; any Justice of the Peace for any State of the Commonwealth; any member of the Police Force of the Commonwealth or of any State; any officer of the Public Service of any State or of the Commonwealth employed in any State or Commonwealth Electoral Office; any legally qualified medical practitioner; any minister of religion; any postmaster or postmistress and any commissioned officer of the Naval, Military or Air Forces of the Commonwealth;
- (c) outside the Commonwealth—any person who is enrolled as an elector on a roll for an Electoral District under and for the purposes of the Electoral Act, 1907; any officer of the Naval, Military or Air Forces of the Commonwealth or some other part of Her Majesty's Dominions; any person employed in the Public Service of the Commonwealth or the State; any High Commissioner, Trade Commissioner or Agent General for the Commonwealth or any State of the Commonwealth,

except where he is a candidate for election in respect of a district or ward in respect of which the applicant is proposing to make the application.

#### DUTIES OF A VOTER AND AN AUTHORISED WITNESS Sections 111, 114, 116.

Persons entitled to vote in absence are those who reside more than five miles from a polling place at which they are entitled to vote, persons who have reason to believe that throughout the hours of polling, on polling day, they will be more than five miles from the nearest polling place appointed; persons who have reason to believe that they will be absent on polling day from the Municipal District/Ward(s) in which the election or poll is to be held; persons who have reason to believe that they will be prevented, by illness or infirmity, from attending at a polling place at which they are entitled to vote; women who have reason to believe that they will be prevented by approaching maternity from attending a polling place at which they are entitled to vote; persons whose religious beliefs prevent them from voting on the particular day on which the election or poll is to be held.

The elector must complete an application, in the prescribed form, sign it before an authorised witness, who must also attest it, and forward it or deliver it to the returning officer so that—

- (i) if posted to the returning officer, it is delivered to him in the ordinary course of post not later than twelve o'clock noon on the first of the two days last preceding the day appointed for the holding of the election or poll; or
- (ii) if delivered otherwise than by post, it is received by the returning officer, not later than four o'clock in the afternoon of the day immediately preceding the day appointed for the holding of the election or poll;
- (iii) in either case not sooner than thirty five days prior to the day appointed for the holding of the election or poll.

On receipt from the returning officer of the absent voting paper, the elector must take this before an authorised witness, exhibit it to him unmarked, and must then sign his name on the absent vote certificate on the envelope addressed to the returning officer. The authorised witness witnesses that signature and adds his own signature, and his qualification. The elector then marks the voting paper, without letting the witness see how it is marked, folds it, inserts it in the envelope marked "Ballot Paper", and seals that envelope, and places it in the envelope addressed to the returning officer, and fastens that envelope which the elector posts or delivers or causes to be posted or delivered (not by a person who is a candidate for the election) to the returning officer.

## [Back of Form 54—continued]

If the elector has eyesight so defective that he cannot mark his voting paper, or if he cannot read or write, he may appoint a person, who may be the authorised witness, but may not be a person who is a candidate for the election, to mark the voting paper for him and that person shall, in the presence of the authorised witness, mark the voting paper, fold it so that the vote cannot be seen, place it in the envelope marked "Ballot Paper", seal this envelope and either hand it to the elector who shall deal with it in accordance with the procedure detailed in the preceding paragraph, or request the authorised witness to carry out that procedure. The authorised witness must not attempt to discover how the elector votes, except when requested to mark the voting paper by a blind person, or one who cannot read or write.

Any person present when an absent vote is being taken must obey directions given to him by the authorised witness and shall not look at the elector's vote or do anything to become acquainted with how he votes, except where he has been requested to mark the voting paper by a blind person or one who cannot read or write.

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