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To: [Terri Hollingsworth](#); [Jason L. Kennedy](#)
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Subject: Re: Commissioner Request: Absentee Application Submittals, Approvals, Rejections, Remedies, Process Information To Date and Going Forward
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Update: I realized I typed 7-5-204. It should have read 7-5-404.

Thank you,
Kristi

From: Kristi M. Stahr
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 8:17 PM
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Good evening Madam Clerk,

I am sending this request for absentee application statistics to date, specifically numbers received, applications approved, and applications rejected, why, and numbers remedied and how (i.e. voter submitted identification to prove who they are or came in person).

Here is my request for information:

Total To-Date:

1. Total Absentee Application Requests Submitted to County Clerk
2. Total Absentee Application Requests Approved by County Clerk
3. Total Absentee Application Requests Rejected by County Clerk
 - a. If rejected, what was the reason under 7-5-204(a)(2)(A)
 - b. If the voter was able to remedy the issue, what process was followed?

Weekly:

1. Updated Total Absentee Application Requests Submitted to County Clerk
2. Updated Total Absentee Application Requests Approved by County Clerk
3. Updated Total Absentee Application Requests Rejected by County

Clerk

- a. If rejected, what was the reason under 7-5-204(a)(2)(A)
- b. If voter was able to remedy issue, what process was followed?

Thank you so much.

I know everyone is very busy, but this information is critical to the integrity of the process and the continued public trust due to our not so long ago scarred history in our county, and I prefer being proactive before those questions arise as I believe you do as well. I also recommend publishing the process. I am going to request we publish ours. Not only does it provide increased transparency as we should always strive to do in everything we do, but it instills greater trust from the public, and that is always a positive especially in such uncertain times!

With great appreciation,
Commissioner Kristi M. Stahr

AR Code Annot. 7-5-204

(a) (1) (A) Applications for absentee ballots must be signed by the applicant and verified by the county clerk by checking the voter's name, address, date of birth, and signature from the registration records unless the application is sent by electronic means.

(B) If the application is sent by electronic means, the application must bear a verifiable facsimile of the applicant's signature.

(2) (A) If the signatures on the absentee ballot application and the voter registration record are not similar, the county clerk shall not provide an absentee ballot to the voter.

(B) If the absentee ballot request is rejected under subdivision (a)(2)(A) of this section, the county clerk shall:

(i) Provide notice promptly to the voter of the rejection;

(ii) Allow the voter to resubmit the request; and

(iii) Electronically record the rejection in the permanent system maintained by the county clerk.

(C) The notice to the voter under subdivision (a)(2)(B) of this section shall be made by:

(i) The most efficient means available, including without limitation by telephone or email; and

(ii) Written notice sent by first-class mail to the address where the voter is registered to vote.