

**Sec. 9-32-7. Telephone canvass—general provisions**

(a) A telephone canvass shall be made by the registrar or his designee making a telephone call to the residence of the elector listed on the registry list. If there is no published telephone number or no telephone number in service for the residence of an elector, the registrar or his designee shall note such fact as part of his canvass by telephone.

(b) A telephone call shall qualify as one of the two methods of canvass required before the name of an elector may be removed from the registry list, only when it is made to the household of an elector that has both a published telephone number and a number which is in service at the time the call is made. A call to a changed telephone number provided by the telephone company shall be deemed a published number provided the changed number is identified as relating to the former number. Unlisted numbers shall be deemed published only if they are made available to the registrars of voters by the telephone company. A telephone number of an elector provided to the registrars of voters or town clerk by such elector shall be deemed published; a telephone number of an elector provided to the registrars of voters or town clerk by a person other than such elector shall be deemed not published. If during a telephone canvass a telephone call is made to a telecommunications device for the deaf in an elector's household, said telephone call shall not qualify as one of the two methods of canvass required before the name of an elector may be removed from the registry list unless the registrar or designee uses a similar device or uses a message relay center.

(c) The information solicited by a registrar or designee in a canvass by telephone shall confirm the following information with respect to each elector living within the household: the elector's name and bonafide residence address; whether the elector has recently moved, and, if so, such elector's new residence address, if known; whether the elector is in the military service; and whether the elector's name has changed, and, if so, the elector's new name. An elector's mailing address and date of birth may be similarly solicited but such information shall not be required of the individual providing the information.

(d) The registrar of voters or his designee shall sign a written memorandum of each telephone call made as part of a telephone canvass which shall include the date and time of the telephone call, the telephone number called and, if possible, the name of the person giving the information, which may be anyone answering the telephone and shall not be limited to the elector. In the event that the individual giving the information is speaking Spanish, such fact shall also be recorded. In the event that the number is not published or not in service that fact shall also be made a part of this memorandum.

(e) If the registrars of voters are not able to obtain positive information that an elector is still a bona fide resident of the household called in a telephone canvass, or if the registrars of voters do receive positive information that an elector is no longer a bona fide resident of the household called in a telephone canvass, they shall take such action with respect to the removal of the elector's name from the registry list as they shall deem appropriate subject to the requirements of Section 9-32-9. Such action may be based on other information which they may have received concerning the elector.

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