

Absentee Ballot Rejected Reasons

On August 14, 2018, the United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire held that RSA 659:50, III is unconstitutional. This provision previously required moderators, when processing absentee ballots on Election Day, to compare the signatures on an absentee ballot application and the absentee ballot affidavit envelope in order to determine whether the documents "appear[] to be executed by the same person."

Moderators are therefore prohibited from conducting the signature comparison set forth in RSA 659:50, III for the upcoming September 11, 2018 election and for all future elections. This guidance will remain in effect until such time that the law is amended or our offices otherwise advise.

- Absentee Ballot Application Not Signed
- Absentee Ballot Challenged by Another Voter at the Polls on Election Day
- Absentee Ballot Application and Affidavit had two Different Names
- Absentee Ballot Received after Election Day
- Affidavit on the Absentee Ballot Envelope Not Signed
- Already Voted by Absentee Ballot
- Ballot Missing From Envelope
- Envelope Rec'd Other Than by Mail or Delivery Agent
- Incomplete Absentee Registration Affidavit
- Incomplete Voter Registration Form
- Invalid Signature on Application for Absentee Ballot
- Missing Affidavit
- Multiple Ballots Returned in the Same Envelope
- No Absentee Registration Affidavit Envelope Returned
- No Written Application for Absentee Ballot Submitted
- Not a Registered Voter
- Spoiled Ballot
- Voted in Person
- Voter Indicated They are no Longer Eligible for Absentee Ballot
- Voter is Deceased
- Wrong Ballot