

### §783. Authority of Secretary of State

The Secretary of State may act administratively to facilitate voting by uniformed service voters and overseas voters and may use federal or other facilities available for this purpose. These administrative actions may include, but are not limited to: [PL 2009, c. 563, §9 (AMD).]

**1. Central issuance of absentee ballots.** Issuing absentee ballots to uniformed service voters and overseas voters from a central location in order to ensure expedited delivery of absentee ballots; [PL 2009, c. 563, §9 (NEW).]

**2. Central receipt of absentee ballots.** Receiving absentee ballots from uniformed service voters and overseas voters at a central location in order to ensure that the ballots are received by the statutory deadline; [PL 2009, c. 563, §9 (NEW).]

**3. Central counting of absentee ballots.** Counting absentee ballots from uniformed service voters and overseas voters at a central location and including the count of these votes in the statewide tabulation of the vote; [PL 2009, c. 563, §9 (NEW).]

**4. Electronic transmission of absentee ballots.** Authorizing the electronic transmission of absentee ballots to uniformed service voters or overseas voters; and [PL 2009, c. 563, §9 (NEW).]

**5. Electronic receipt of absentee ballots.** Authorizing the electronic receipt of voted absentee ballots from uniformed service voters or overseas voters by a method authorized by the Secretary of State. [PL 2015, c. 350, §1 (AMD).]

The Secretary of State shall adopt rules to administer the central issuance and processing of absentee ballots, including rules that provide for the examination, counting and storage of ballots in the same manner as regular absentee ballots. Rules adopted in accordance with this section are routine technical rules as described by Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. [PL 2009, c. 563, §9 (NEW).]

#### SECTION HISTORY

PL 1985, c. 161, §6 (NEW). PL 2003, c. 407, §35 (AMD). PL 2009, c. 563, §9 (AMD). PL 2015, c. 350, §1 (AMD).

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