

1 08 NCAC 18 .0201 is proposed for adoption as follows:

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3 **SECTION .0200 – GENERAL RULES FOR ABSENTEE VOTING**

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5 **08 NCAC 18 .0201 DEFINITIONS**

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7 For purposes of this Chapter:

- 8 (1) “Application” means the absentee ballot application printed on the ballot envelope as provided by  
9 G.S. 163-229.
- 10 (2) “Absentee ballot package” means the combination of the outer return envelope, ballot envelope,  
11 application, instructions, absentee ballot, and blank photo identification affidavit.
- 12 (3) “Absentee voter” means a registered voter who has requested to vote by absentee ballot.
- 13 (4) “Ballot envelope” means the envelope provided by a county board of elections to a voter pursuant  
14 to G.S. 163-230.1 that is designated to contain a voted absentee ballot when the ballot is returned  
15 to the county board of elections.
- 16 (5) “Curable deficiency” means a deficiency that can be cured with supplemental documentation or an  
17 attestation provided by the absentee voter.
- 18 (6) “Cure” means the process by which a voter submits additional documentation or an attestation that  
19 corrects a curable deficiency.
- 20 (7) “Cure notice” means a written notice sent to an absentee voter identifying a curable deficiency and  
21 informing the voter that the voter, the voter's verifiable legal guardian or near relative, or a person  
22 of the voter's choice if the voter needs assistance due to the voter's disability, may cure the  
23 deficiency by submitting required documentation or a completed attestation with required  
24 information.
- 25 (8) “Deficiency” means noncompliance with the requirements for absentee voting that requires the  
26 voter to cure the deficiency or the county board of elections to spoil the ballot and reissue the  
27 absentee ballot package.
- 28 (9) “Irregularity” means noncompliance with the requirements for absentee voting that requires  
29 documentation and may require further action to determine if the irregularity is a curable or non-  
30 curable deficiency.
- 31 (10) “Non-curable deficiency” means a deficiency that requires the absentee ballot to be spoiled  
32 because the deficiency does not meet the definition of a curable deficiency.
- 33 (11) “Photo identification affidavit” means the affidavit to claim an exception to the photo  
34 identification requirement under G.S. 163-166.16 and 163-230.1.
- 35 (12) “Photo identification documentation” means the photocopy of an acceptable photo identification  
36 or a photo identification affidavit required to be included with an application pursuant to G.S. 163-  
37 230.1(f1).

1           (13) “Outer return envelope” means the envelope provided by a county board of elections to a voter for  
2           the voter to transmit the voter’s sealed ballot envelope and photo identification documentation to  
3           the county board of elections.

4           (14) “Spoil” means the act of cancelling an absentee ballot that has been or will be issued to a  
5           registered voter.

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7           *History Note: Authority G.S. 163-22; 163-229; 163-230.1; 163-231; 163-234;*  
8           *Eff. September 1, 2026.*