

1 08 NCAC 18 .0501 is proposed for adoption as follows:

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3 **SECTION .0500 – ABSENTEE DEFICIENCIES AND IRREGULARITIES**

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5 **08 NCAC 18 .0501 REVIEW FOR DEFICIENCIES**

6 County board staff shall, within one business day of the receipt of a voter's returned absentee ballot, determine whether
7 there is a deficiency or irregularity. If staff identify a deficiency, then they shall determine whether the deficiency is
8 one identified in Rule .0502 or Rule .0503 of this Section and proceed in accordance with the corresponding Rule. If
9 staff identify an irregularity, then they shall determine whether the irregularity is one identified in Rule .0504 or Rule
10 .0505 of this Section and proceed in accordance with the corresponding Rule.

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12 *History Note: Authority G.S. 163-22; 163-229; 163-230.1; 163-231; 163-234;*

13 *Eff. September 1, 2026.*