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**Section 7226.1**

Old Version:

(a) Nomination letters specifying that nominations are open shall be mailed to each vendor

operating a facility on a non-interim basis no later than October 1 of each odd-numbered year

along with a nomination form and a pre-addressed return envelope.

Revised Version:

(a) Nomination letters specifying that nominations are open shall be mailed

to vendors in accordance with subsection (d) of this section no later than October 1 of each odd-numbered year along with a nomination form and a

pre-addressed return envelope.

Announcements and notices for open nomination, including the election designated email address for submission of nominations, Ballots and all other related material pertaining to election, will be sent to all vendors who prefer

to communicate electronically, within the same timelines indicated in the

first paragraph of this subsection.

Old Version:

(b) A vendor may nominate himself or herself using the nomination form but shall not nominate

another vendor in his or her district. The nomination form shall be postmarked within fifteen

calendar days of the date of the letter and received within five calendar days of the postmark

to be deemed timely received.

Revised Version:

(b) A vendor may nominate himself or herself using the nomination form

but shall not nominate another vendor in his or her district.

The paper nomination form shall be postmarked within fifteen calendar days

of the date of the letter and received within five calendar days of the

postmark to be deemed timely received.

The completed electronic nomination form must be transmitted and

received at the email address designated for election purposes, within

fifteen calendar days of the date of the nomination letter received.

Old Version:

(d) Ballots shall be mailed, return receipt requested no signature required, by November 1st of each odd-numbered year to all vendors specified in Section 7226(d), along with instructions for completing and mailing the ballot. Vendors shall be mailed only that ballot which is specific to his or her district, a ballot envelope, and a pre-addressed mailing envelope.

If any vendor does not receive his or her ballot by November 7th, it is the vendor’s responsibility to contact the Election Coordinator and request a new ballot.

Revised Version:

(d) Paper Ballots shall be mailed by November 1st of each odd-numbered

year to all vendors specified in Section 7226(d), along with instructions for completing and submitting the Paper Ballot, with no return receipt requested

no signature required. Vendors shall receive only the ballot, which is specific

to his or her district, along with a ballot envelope, and a pre- addressed

mailing envelope.

Electronic Ballots along with instructions for completing and submitting,

as well as the dedicated email address for submission of ballots, shall be transmitted electronically to vendors who choose email for their communication, on the same date indicated in the first paragraph of this subsection.

If any vendor does not receive his or her ballot by November 7th, it is the vendor’s responsibility to contact the Election Coordinator and request a

new ballot.

Old Version:

(e) In order to vote, the vendor shall do all the following:

Mark his/her ballot for one of the vendor names on the ballot.

Place the unsigned ballot in the ballot envelope, seal and sign his/her name on the envelope.

Place the ballot envelope in the pre-addressed mailing envelope and return. The mailing envelope

shall be postmarked by November 15th and received within five calendar days to be considered

timely received.

Revised Version:

(e) Vendors voting by paper ballots shall do the following:

Mark his/her ballot for one of the vendor names on the ballot.

Place the unsigned ballot in the ballot envelope, seal and sign his/her name

on the envelope.

Place the ballot envelope in the pre-addressed mailing envelope and return.

The mailing envelope shall be postmarked by November 15th and received within five calendar days to be considered timely received.

The vendors voting electronically shall do all the following:

Mark his/her electronic ballot for one of the nominated vendor names on the ballot.

Print his/her name on the body of the email.

Print the word “ballot” in the subject line of the email.

Attach the completed ballot to your email

Transmit your email to the designated email address for election.

All electronically transmitted Ballots must be received at the email address designated for election by November 15th to be considered timely received.

Old Version:

(f) Upon receipt, the mailing envelope shall be locked in a file without disturbing the seal until the scheduled date for ballot counting.

Revised Version:

(f) Upon receipt, the mailing envelope shall be locked in a file without

disturbing the seal.

Emailed submissions shall remain without any disturbance in the dedicated email address for election until the scheduled date for ballot counting.

Old Version:

(g) Proper submission of the ballot shall be certified by the Election Coordinator at the time of ballot counting. A ballot shall be deemed properly submitted if:

* 1. It was received within the time specified in (e)(3).
  2. The vendor's signature has been affixed to the ballot envelope.
  3. Each ballot envelope contains only one ballot

Revised Version:

(g) Proper submission of paper or electronic ballots shall be certified by the Election Coordinator and two (2) California Vendors Policy Committee (CVPC)

Designated Observers at the time of ballot counting. A ballot shall be deemed properly submitted if:

(1) It was received within the time specified in (e)(3).

(2) The vendor's signature has been affixed to the ballot envelope.

(3) Each ballot envelope contains only one ballot.

(4) The email is properly identified to be legitimate and acceptable.

(5) Each electronic transmitted ballot contains only one ballot.

NOTE: Authority cited: 20 USC Section 107b(5); 34 CFR Section 395.4; and Sections 19006, 19016, and 19639, Welfare and Institutions Code.

Reference: 20 USC Section 107b-1(3); 34 CFR Sections 395.3(a)(4)

and 395.14(b); and Sections 19011 and 19638(b), Welfare and Institutions

Code.