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# Article 9. State Committee of Blind Vendors

## Section 7226. Elections--General Provisions.

Old Version:

(I) Election materials shall be prepared and provided to a vendor in a vendor’s preferred mode of communication, to the extent possible. Such modes of communication may include large print or Braille, audiotape, 3.5 diskette, compact disk, or electronic transmission.

Revised Version:

(l) Election materials shall be prepared and provided to vendors in their preferred mode of communication, in compliance with the ADA to the extent possible. Such modes of communication may include, large print or Braille, or audio generated by equipment or electronically, internet or emails or any newly developed electronic or other future technology which will be able to fulfill the same requirements.

Old version:

(k) The Director shall appoint an Election Coordinator to conduct and oversee all aspects of an election, consistent with this section. The Election Coordinator shall be responsible for the following election duties:

(1) Preparing nomination letters, along with a nomination form and a preaddressed envelope for each vendor who is eligible to vote, in accordance with subsection (D) of this section. Election materials shall be prepared and mailed to each vendor in his or her preferred mode of communication, to the extent possible. Such modes of communication may include providing election materials in large print, Braille, on audio

Generated electronically tape, 3.5” diskette, or compact disk. The Department shall transmit copies of the election materials electronically, on request.

(2) Receiving and placing sealed envelopes containing votes received from vendors in a secure location, pending the date the ballots are to be counted.

(3) Certifying the security of the ballots.

1. Overseeing the ballot tabulation.
2. Certifying the election results to the Director.

Revised Version:

(k) The Director shall appoint an Election Coordinator to conduct and oversee all aspects of an election, consistent with this section. The Election Coordinator shall be responsible for the following election duties:

(1) Obtaining the most updated list of vendor’s communication preferences, to make sure each vendor will receive their election material in their preferred mode of communication.

Preparing nomination letters, including all necessary information and directions, along with a nomination form and a pre-addressed envelope for each vendor who is eligible to vote, in accordance with subsection (d) of this section. Election materials shall be prepared and mailed or emailed to each vendor in accordance with subsection (I) of this section.

(2) Receiving and securing sealed envelopes containing votes and email ballots, pending the date the paper and electronic ballots are to be counted.

(3) Certifying the security of all paper or electronic ballots during the election process.

(4) Overseeing the paper and electronic ballot tabulation.

(5) Certifying the election results to the Director.

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.