

**CERTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY RULES
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OTHNI LATHRAM, DIRECTOR**

Pursuant to Code of Alabama 1975, §§41-22-5(b) and 41-22-6(c) (2)a. and b.

I certify that the attached emergency (amendment, new rule, new chapter, repeal or adoption by reference) is a correct copy as promulgated and adopted on the 11th day of December, 2020 .

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Secretary of State

RULE NO. AND TITLE: 820-2-3-.06-.08ER Absentee Voting During State of Emergency - Senate District 14 Special Elections

EFFECTIVE DATE OF RULE: December 11, 2020

EXPIRATION DATE (If less than 120 days): _____

NATURE OF EMERGENCY:

It was unforeseen that the governor's state of emergency would be extended and that the coronavirus pandemic would continue, thus necessitating a need for voters to vote absentee for the special election cycle for State Senate District 14.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 17-11-3(e); 41-22-5

SUBJECT OF RULE TO BE ADOPTED ON PERMANENT BASIS _____ YES X NO

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Secretary of State

820-2-3-.06-.08ER Absentee Voting During State of Emergency – Senate District 14 Special Elections.

(1) Pursuant to 17-11-3(e) of the *Code of Alabama*, and without limitation, due to the State of Emergency issued by the Governor of Alabama on March 13, 2020, as amended, any qualified voter who determines it is impossible or unreasonable to vote at their voting place for the special primary, special primary runoff, or special general election for State Senate District 14 due to the declared states of emergency, shall be eligible to check the box on the absentee ballot application which reads as follows:

“I have a physical illness or infirmity which prevents my attendance at the polls. [ID REQUIRED]”

(2) Any qualified voter of this state who applies and successfully submits an application, with proper identification, for an absentee ballot pursuant to this Emergency Administrative Rule shall be eligible to vote an absentee ballot for the special primary, special primary runoff, or special general election for State Senate District 14.

(3) The Absentee Election Managers and any other election officials of the affected counties are hereby directed and instructed to follow this Emergency Administrative Rule and accept all absentee ballot applications filed hereunder immediately.

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Statutory Authority: 17-11-3(e).

History: New Rule: Filed December 11, 2020