POLICY:

It is the policy of the Department of Corrections (DOC) that prisoners may register to vote by-mail, and obtain and cast an absentee by-mail ballot. The Division of Elections determines a prisoner’s eligibility to vote.

APPLICATION:

This policy and procedure will apply to all Department employees and prisoners.

PROCEDURES:

I. The prisoner handbook of all institutions shall contain a section titled “Procedure For Obtaining And Casting An Absentee By-Mail Ballot”. The text contained in that section shall mirror the text in Attachment A: Procedure For Obtaining And Casting An Absentee By-Mail Ballot.

II. Mail to and from the Division of Elections shall be processed as Privileged Mail pursuant to DOC P&P 810.03, Prisoner Mail. Institution staff are not required to take steps outside normal procedure to expedite mail to the Division of Elections.

III. Prisoners wishing to vote shall follow the steps outlined in Attachment A, Procedure For Obtaining And Casting An Absentee By-Mail Ballot.