

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF ELECTIONS

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

The District of Columbia Board of Elections, pursuant to the authority set forth in the District of Columbia Election Code of 1955, approved August 12, 1955, as amended (69 Stat. 699; D.C. Official Code § 1-1001.05(a)(14) (2016 Repl.)), hereby gives notice of proposed rulemaking to adopt an amendment to Chapter 3, “Voter Registration” of Title 3 (Elections and Ethics) of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR).

The purpose of the amendment to Subsection 504.7 of the regulations is to include tuition and housing statements from District of Columbia colleges and universities as valid and acceptable proof of residence. Some of these institutions print the student voter’s residence address on the tuition or housing bill, while others include it on a separate statement. Including both bills and statements as acceptable proof of residence will ensure that all students can provide valid documentation and prevent disenfranchisement due to technicalities beyond the voter’s control.

The Board gives notice of its intent to take final rulemaking action to adopt these amendments in not less than thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice in the *District of Columbia Register*.

Chapter 3, VOTER REGISTRATION, of Title 3 DCMR, ELECTIONS AND ETHICS, is amended as follows:

Section 504, REGISTRATION TIMELINESS AND EFFECTIVENESS, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 504.7(h) is amended to read as follows:

- (h) A tuition or housing bill or statement from a District of Columbia college or university issued for the current academic or housing term.

All persons desiring to comment on the subject matter of this rulemaking should file written comments by no later than thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice in the *D.C. Register*. Comments should be filed with the Office of the General Counsel, Board of Elections, 1015 Half Street S.E., Suite 750, Washington D.C. 20003. Please direct any questions or concerns to the Office of the General Counsel at 202-727-2194 or ogc@dcboe.org. Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained at cost from the above address, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.