**§3. Signatures and names**

When this Title requires a name or signature on a document, immaterial irregularities do not invalidate the name or signature if the identity of the person named is clear to the public official charged with reviewing that document. [PL 2009, c. 538, §2 (AMD).]

**1. Immaterial irregularities.**  Immaterial irregularities include, but are not limited to, misspelling, inclusion or omission of initials and substitution of initials or nicknames for given names.

[PL 1997, c. 436, §8 (AMD).]

**2. Application.**  This policy applies to circumstances including, but not limited to, the following:

A. Absentee ballot applications; [PL 1985, c. 161, §6 (NEW).]

B. Absentee ballot affidavits; [PL 1985, c. 161, §6 (NEW).]

C. Signatures on petitions; and [PL 1985, c. 161, §6 (NEW).]

D. Names appearing for write-in candidates on ballots. [PL 1985, c. 161, §6 (NEW).]

[PL 2009, c. 538, §2 (AMD).]

SECTION HISTORY

PL 1985, c. 161, §6 (NEW). PL 1997, c. 436, §8 (AMD). PL 2009, c. 538, §2 (AMD).

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