**Section 217.10 Applicability**

a) This Part implements that portion of Section 16-5.01 of the Election Code.

b) This Part is applicable to those municipalities that have chosen to adopt a system of ranked balloting to be used in the consolidated election by qualified members of the United States armed forces or United States citizens who will be outside the United States on the dates of both the consolidated primary and consolidated election in any given year. Municipalities utilizing this ranked ballot system shall pass an ordinance to that effect prior to the first of the year in which any election occurs at which ranked ballots are intended to be used. The municipality is responsible for transmitting the ordinance to any election authority whose jurisdiction includes the municipality or any portion of the municipality. The transmittal must be completed no later than 5 business days following passage of the ordinance.

c) No municipality may offer or accept ranked ballots without first obtaining a written statement of administrative approval from every election authority whose jurisdiction contains a portion of that municipality.

d) Any statement of administrative approval shall only be effective for the next succeeding consolidated election at which ranked ballots will be used.