

ELECTIONS:  
ABSENTEE BALLOTS, APPLICATION FOR:

Officers authorized to  
administer affidavit for  
absentee ballot.

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June 17, 1942

Mr. A. G. Eberle, Secretary  
Board of Election Commissioners  
For the City of St. Louis  
208 South Twelfth Boulevard  
St. Louis, Missouri



Dear Sir:

This department is in receipt of your request  
for an official opinion upon the following question:

"\* \* \* if the affidavit called for  
either by Section 11518 or Section  
11521 R. S. Mo. 1939, is administered  
by a military or naval officer as  
specified in Section 1948, will it be  
necessary to have the affidavit accom-  
panied by a certificate showing the  
authority of such military or naval  
officer, administering the oath, to  
take affidavits. \* \* \* \* \*"

Section 3411, R. S. Mo. 1939, provides in part as  
follows:

"\* \* \* \* The certificates of the  
officers referred to in sections 1948  
and 3410 of their rank shall be prima  
facie evidence thereof."

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Under the section quoted above, we believe that no certificate of authority is required but a certification of the officers that they hold a certain rank must be taken as prima facie evidence of such rank.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR O'KEEFE  
Assistant Attorney-General

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APPROVED:

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ROY MCKITTRICK  
Attorney-General