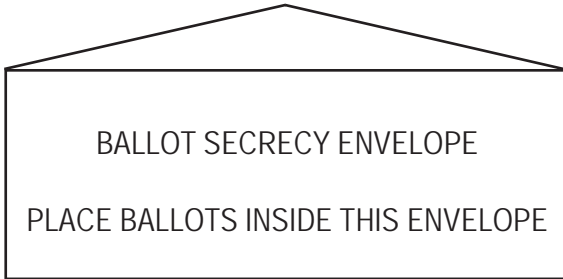


Sample Absentee Ballot Instructions before proposed changes

- 1. Registered Voters**
- 2. Unregistered Voters**
- 3. Military and Overseas Voters**

Instructions for Absentee Voters

CITY AND SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION BALLOT		
OFFICIAL BALLOT Judge _____ Judge _____		
CITY OF _____ GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 6, 2007		
INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this: <input type="radio"/>		
CITY OFFICES	CITY QUESTIONS	SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTIONS
MAYOR VOTE FOR ONE	To vote for a question, fill in the oval next to the word "YES" for that question. To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to the word "NO" for that question.	INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. _____
<input type="radio"/> CANDIDATE	CITY QUESTION [NUMBER]	To vote for a question, fill in the oval next to the word "YES" for that question. To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to the word "NO" for that question.
<input type="radio"/> CANDIDATE	QUESTION TITLE (Upper case letters; no more than 10 words)	SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT QUESTION [NUMBER]
<input type="radio"/> CANDIDATE	<input type="radio"/> YES	QUESTION TITLE (Upper case letters; no more than 10 words)
COUNCIL MEMBER VOTE FOR UP TO (NUMBER TO BE ELECTED)	<input type="radio"/> NO	(Body of question printed in upper and lower case letters.)
<input type="radio"/> CANDIDATE	CITY QUESTION [NUMBER]	(Body of question printed in upper and lower case letters.)
<input type="radio"/> CANDIDATE	QUESTION TITLE (Upper case letters; no more than 10 words)	(Small the school board of Independent School District No. _____ (Name of District) be authorized to issue its general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$ _____ to provide funds for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities, including _____?
<input type="radio"/> CANDIDATE	<input type="radio"/> YES	



TO BE COMPLETED BY VOTER	
VOTER'S NAME (PLEASE PRINT)	
VOTER'S MINNESOTA ADDRESS (PLEASE PRINT)	
MN	
I certify that on election day I will meet all the legal requirements to vote by absentee ballot.	
VOTER'S SIGNATURE	DATE
TO BE COMPLETED BY WITNESS	
I certify that the voter	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> showed me the blank ballots before voting; marked the ballots in private or, if physically unable to mark the ballots, the ballots were marked as directed by the voter; and enclosed and sealed the ballots in the secrecy envelope. 	
NAME OF WITNESS (PLEASE PRINT)	
ADDRESS OF NON-NOTARY WITNESS IN MINNESOTA (PLEASE PRINT)	
MN	
SIGNATURE OF WITNESS	DATE
TITLE OF WITNESS (IF AN OFFICIAL)	
FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
<input type="checkbox"/> ACCEPTED	
<input type="checkbox"/> REJECTED _____ Reason _____	

Step 1. You must have a witness to vote by absentee ballot. Your witness may be anyone who is registered to vote in Minnesota including your spouse or another relative, or they may be a notary public or person with the authority to administer oaths.

Step 2. Show your witness the unmarked ballot(s).

Step 3. Mark your votes according to the instructions on the ballot(s). Mark your ballot(s) in private. If you have a disability or are otherwise unable to mark the ballot(s), you may ask your witness to assist you. Make sure you do not vote for more candidates than allowed for any office, since this will prevent your votes for that office from being counted. If you make an error when marking your ballot, you may request a new ballot from the election official from whom you received your ballot. If you cannot request a new ballot, completely erase any errors and remark your ballot. Do not put any identifying marks on the ballot.

WHEN PARTISAN PRIMARY RACES ARE ON THE BALLOT:

If you are voting in a partisan primary, you may only vote for the candidates of one party on the partisan portion of the ballot. Voting for candidates not within the same party will prevent the entire partisan portion of your primary ballot from being counted.

Step 4. Fold and place all voted ballots in the ballot secrecy envelope and seal the envelope. Do not write on the ballot secrecy envelope.

Step 5. Place the ballot secrecy envelope into the ballot return envelope and seal the envelope.

Step 6. Print your name and address on the back of the ballot return envelope unless a label with your name and address has already been affixed. Sign your name. The name, address, and signature of your witness are required as well.

Step 7. Return your ballot by mail or an express service to the address on the ballot return envelope, allowing enough time to be delivered by election day. You may also deliver it in person by 5:00 p.m. on the day before election day or have another person return your ballot by 3:00 p.m. on election day (this person cannot return ballots for more than three voters).

Instructions for Absentee Voters (Unregistered, Challenged or Incomplete Registration)

Step 1. You must have a witness to vote by absentee ballot. Your witness may be anyone who is registered to vote in Minnesota including your spouse or another relative, or they may be a notary public or person with the authority to administer oaths.

Step 2. Completely fill out the voter registration application.

Step 3. Show your witness your proof of residence in the precinct. The witness should mark the proof shown on the ballot return envelope. Any of the following may be used as proof of residence:

- a valid Minnesota driver's license, permit or identification card; a receipt for any of these forms that contains your current address; or a tribal identification card issued by the tribal government of a tribe recognized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs that contains your name, address, signature and picture;
- the signature of a registered voter (voucher) who lives in your precinct; if your witness is registered to vote in your precinct, your witness may also vouch for you;
- if you live in certain residential facilities, the signature of an employee of the facility;
- a notice of late registration sent to you by the county auditor or city clerk;
- a current valid registration in the same precinct;
- one document from the list in (i) and one photo ID from the list in (ii):
 - an original bill for telephone, television, or Internet provider services, regardless of how those telephone, television or Internet provider services are delivered, or an original bill for gas, electric, solid waste, water, or sewer services, that:
 - shows the voter's name and current address in the precinct; and
 - has a due date within 30 days before or after the election day.
 - A rent statement from a landlord that itemizes utility expenses and meets the requirements of this paragraph is an original utility bill for purposes of providing proof of residence; or
 - B. a current student fee statement that contains the student's valid address in the precinct; and

A rent statement from a landlord that itemizes utility expenses and meets the requirements of this paragraph is an original utility bill for purposes of providing proof of residence; or

- a Minnesota driver's license or identification card, a United States passport, a United States military identification card, a student identification card issued by a Minnesota postsecondary educational institution, or a tribal identification card issued by the tribal government of a tribe recognized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, United States Department of the Interior, that contains the individual's signature.

Step 4. Show your witness the unmarked ballot(s).

Step 5. Mark your votes according to the instructions on the ballot(s). Mark your ballot(s) in private. If you have a disability or are otherwise unable to mark the ballot(s), you may ask your witness to assist you. Make sure you do not vote for more candidates than allowed for any office, since this will prevent your votes for that office from being counted. If you make an error when marking your ballot, you may request a new ballot from the election official from whom you received your ballot. If you cannot request a new ballot, completely erase any errors and remark your ballot. Do not put any identifying marks on the ballot.

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Step 6. Fold and place all voted ballots in the ballot secrecy envelope and seal the envelope. Do not write on the ballot secrecy envelope.

Step 7. Place the ballot secrecy envelope and your completed voter registration application into the ballot return envelope and seal the envelope.

Step 8. Print your name and address on the back of the ballot return envelope unless a label with your name and address has already been affixed. Sign your name. The name, address, and signature of your witness are also required.

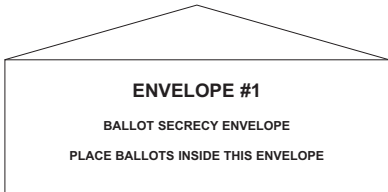
Step 9. Fold and seal the small flap on the end of the return envelope, then fold and seal the large flap that covers the form on the back of the envelope.

Step 10. Return your ballot by mail or an express service to the address on the return envelope allowing enough time to be delivered by election day. You may also deliver it in person by 5:00 p.m. on the day before election day or have another person return your ballot by 3:00 p.m. on election day (this person cannot return ballots for more than three voters).

CITY AND SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION BALLOT
OFFICIAL BALLOT
CITY OF _____
GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 6, 2007

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS
To vote, completely fill in the circles next to your choice(s) like this:

CITY OFFICES	CITY QUESTIONS	SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTIONS
MAYOR VOTE FOR ONE <input type="radio"/> CANDIDATE <input type="radio"/> CANDIDATE <input type="radio"/> CANDIDATE	To vote for a question, fill in the circle next to the word "YES" for the question. To vote against a question, fill in the circle next to the word "NO". Do not check both. CITY QUESTION (NUMBER) QUESTION TITLE (Do not check boxes, fill in circle) <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	To vote for a question, fill in the circle next to the word "YES" for the question. To vote against a question, fill in the circle next to the word "NO". Do not check both. SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT QUESTION (NUMBER) QUESTION TITLE (Do not check boxes, fill in circle) <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
COUNCIL MEMBER VOTE FOR UP TO NUMBER TO BE ELECTED <input type="radio"/> CANDIDATE <input type="radio"/> CANDIDATE <input type="radio"/> CANDIDATE <input type="radio"/> CANDIDATE	CITY QUESTION (NUMBER) QUESTION TITLE (Do not check boxes, fill in circle)	SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT QUESTION (NUMBER) QUESTION TITLE (Do not check boxes, fill in circle)



Minnesota Voter Registration Application
Complete lines 1 through 8. Please print clearly.

Qualifications: If you mark "NO" to either of these questions, DO NOT complete this form.

1. Are you a U.S. citizen? Yes No

2. Will you be at least 18 on or before the next election? Yes No

Personal Information

3. Last name or surname: _____ First name: _____ Middle name: _____ Birth date: _____

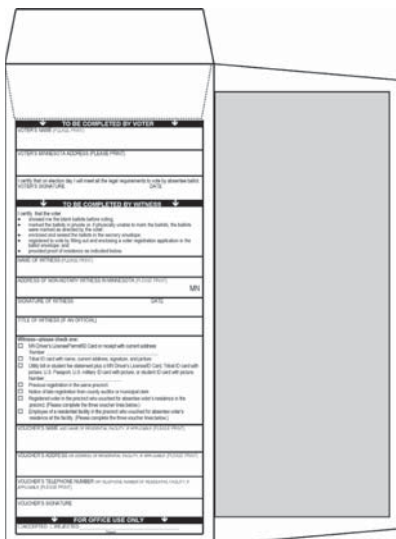
4. Address where you live (residence): _____ Apt. number: _____ City: _____ Zip code: _____

5. If mail cannot be delivered to the address above, provide P.O. box: _____ City: _____ Zip code: _____

6. Date of birth (not today's date): _____ School district (if known): _____ County where you live: _____

7. Phone number: _____ Email address: _____

8. Mark one box and provide the number that applies to you:
 I have a Minnesota driver's license or MN ID card number.



Instructions for Military and Overseas Absentee Voters

CITY AND SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION BALLOT		
OFFICIAL BALLOT		
CITY OF _____		
Judge _____		
Judge _____		
GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 6, 2007		
INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS		
To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this: <input type="radio"/>		
CITY OFFICES	CITY QUESTIONS	SCHOOL DISTRICT QUESTIONS
MAYOR VOTE FOR ONE	To vote for a question, fill in the oval next to the word "YES" for that question. To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to the word "NO" for that question.	INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.
<input type="radio"/> CANDIDATE	CITY QUESTION [NUMBER]	To vote for a question, fill in the oval next to the word "YES" for that question. To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to the word "NO" for that question.
<input type="radio"/> CANDIDATE	QUESTION TITLE (Upper case letters; no more than 10 words)	SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT QUESTION [NUMBER]
<input type="radio"/> <small>write in if any</small>	<input type="radio"/> YES	QUESTION TITLE (Upper case letters; no more than 10 words)
COUNCIL MEMBER VOTE FOR UP TO [NUMBER TO BE ELECTED]	<input type="radio"/> NO	<small>Body of question printed in upper and lower case letters. (That the school board of Independent School District No. _____ (Name of District) be authorized to issue its general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$ _____ to provide funds for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities, including _____ ?</small>
<input type="radio"/> CANDIDATE	CITY QUESTION [NUMBER]	<input type="radio"/> YES
<input type="radio"/> CANDIDATE	QUESTION TITLE (Upper case letters; no more than 10 words)	
<input type="radio"/> CANDIDATE		
<input type="radio"/> CANDIDATE		



ENVELOPE #1

BALLOT SECRECY ENVELOPE

PLACE BALLOTS INSIDE THIS ENVELOPE



TO BE COMPLETED BY VOTER

VOTER'S NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

VOTER'S PRESENT OR LAST ADDRESS IN MINNESOTA (PLEASE PRINT)

CITY OR TOWN (PLEASE PRINT)

COUNTY (PLEASE PRINT)

TELEPHONE NUMBER (OPTIONAL)

CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS (OPTIONAL)

I swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that I am:

a member of the uniformed services or merchant marine on active duty or an eligible spouse or dependent of such a member;

a United States citizen temporarily residing outside the United States;

other United States citizen residing outside the United States

and I am a United States citizen, at least 18 years of age (or will be by the date of the election), and I am eligible to vote in the requested jurisdiction; I have not been convicted of a felony, or other disqualifying offense, or been adjudicated mentally incompetent, or, if so, my voting rights have been reinstated; and I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the United States except the jurisdiction cited in this voting form.

In voting, I have marked and sealed my ballot in private and have not allowed any person to observe the marking of the ballot, except for those authorized to assist voters under state or federal law. I have not been influenced.

My signature and date below indicate when I completed this document.

The information on this form is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that a material misstatement of fact in completion of this document may constitute grounds for a conviction of perjury.

D. NUMBER (Passport number, MN Driver's License or State Identification Card number, or the last four digits of the voter's Social Security Number as provided on the absentee ballot application)

VOTER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

ACCEPTED

REJECTED _____

Reason _____

Step 1. Mark your votes according to the instructions at the top of the ballot(s). Mark your ballot(s) in private. If you have a disability or are otherwise unable to mark the ballot(s), you may have someone assist you. Make sure you do not vote for more candidates than allowed for any office on the ballot, since this will prevent your votes for that office from being counted. If you make an error when marking your ballot, you may request a new ballot from the election official from whom you received your ballot. If you cannot request a new ballot, completely erase any errors and remark your ballot. Do not put any identifying marks on the ballot.

WHEN PARTISAN PRIMARY RACES ARE ON THE BALLOT: If you are voting in a partisan primary, you may only vote for the candidates of one party on the partisan portion of the ballot. Voting for candidates not within the same party will prevent the entire partisan portion of your primary ballot from being counted.

Step 2. Fold each ballot so that it fits within the ballot secrecy envelope and seal it. Do not write on the ballot secrecy envelope.

Step 3. Place the ballot secrecy envelope in the return mailing envelope.

Step 4. Write the same passport number, MN driver's license or state identification card number or the last four digits of the your Social Security number as was provided on the absentee ballot application, on the back of the ballot return envelope.

Step 5. Print your name and your present or last address in Minnesota unless a label with your name and address has already been affixed. Date and sign your name on the back of the ballot return envelope.

Step 6. Fold and seal the small flap on the end of the return envelope, then fold and seal the large flap that covers the form on the back of the envelope.

Step 7. Return your ballot by mail or an express service to the address on the ballot return envelope so it will be delivered no later than election day.

Sample Absentee Ballot Instructions after proposed changes

- 1. Registered Voters**
- 2. Unregistered Voters**
- 3. Military and Overseas Voters**
- 4. Military and Overseas Voters Sent
Ballots Electronically**

Instructions

How to vote by absentee ballot for pre-registered voters

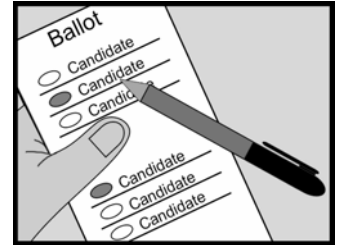
Get ready

- You will need:**
- Ballot
 - Tan ballot envelope
 - White signature envelope
 - Pen with black ink
 - Witness
Anyone registered to vote in Minnesota including your spouse or relative, or a notary public, or a person with the authority to administer oaths

1 Vote!

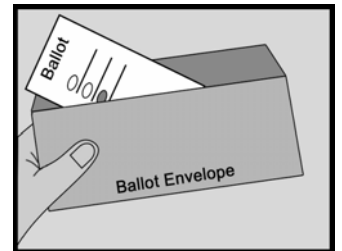
- Show your witness your blank ballot, then mark your votes in private.
- Follow the instructions on the ballot.
- Do not write your name or ID number anywhere on the ballot.
- Do not vote for more candidates than allowed. *If you do, your votes for that office will not count.*

See the other side if you make a mistake on your ballot.

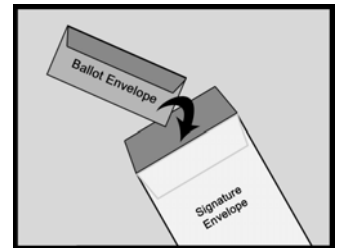


2 Seal your ballot in the tan ballot envelope

- Do not write on this envelope.



3 Put the tan ballot envelope into the white signature envelope

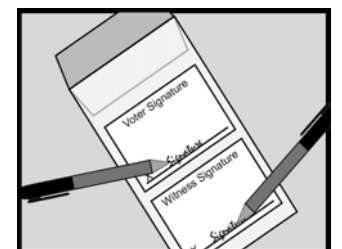


4 Complete the white signature envelope

- If there is no label, print your name and Minnesota address.
- Read and sign the oath and write the date.

This signature will be compared to the one on your absentee ballot application.

- Ask your witness to print their name and Minnesota address and sign their name.
*If your witness is an official, they must print their title instead of an address.
Notaries must also affix their stamp.*
- Seal the envelope.



5 Return your ballot by election day to the address on the signature envelope

Ballots may not be delivered directly to your polling place.

You have three options:

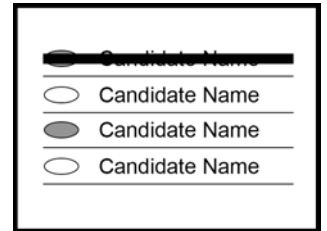
- Send it so it arrives by election day, using U.S. mail or a package delivery service,
- Deliver it in person by 5:00 p.m. on the day before the election, or
- Ask someone to deliver it by 3:00 p.m. on election day.
This person cannot deliver more than 3 ballots.



See other side for special instructions if you have a disability.

Correcting a mistake

- Completely erase the mistake, or
- Completely cross out the name of the candidate you accidentally marked and then mark your ballot for the candidate you prefer, or
- Ask for a new ballot from your election office. Their contact information can be found in the return address section of the envelope in which you received these materials.



If you have a disability:

If you have a disability or cannot mark your ballot, your witness may assist you by marking your ballot at your direction, assembling the materials, and filling out the forms for you.

When signing the envelope, Minnesota law says you may:

- Sign the return envelope yourself, or
- Make your mark, or
- Ask your witness to sign for you in your presence. (Have the witness sign their own name as well.)
- If you have adopted the use of a signature stamp for all purposes of signature, you may use your signature stamp or ask your witness to use your signature stamp in your presence.

Minnesota Statutes, section 645.44, subd. 14

Please note: Voting is not covered by a power of attorney. A person with power of attorney may only sign for you in your presence, as outlined above.

Instructions

How to vote by absentee ballot

Get ready

You will need:

- Ballot
- Tan ballot envelope
- Voter registration application
- White signature envelope
- Pen with black ink
- Minnesota driver's license with your address or other authorized proof of where you live. *See other side for a list of options*
- Witness
Anyone registered to vote in Minnesota including your spouse or relative, or a notary public, or a person with the authority to administer oaths

Important: You must submit the voter registration application with your ballot (in the white signature envelope) for your vote to be counted.

1 Fill out the voter registration application and sign it

- Show your witness your driver's license or other authorized proof of where you live. *See the other side for a list of options.*

2 Vote!

- Show your witness your blank ballot, then mark your votes in private.
- Follow the instructions on the ballot.
- Do not write your name or ID number anywhere on the ballot.
- Do not vote for more candidates than allowed. *If you do, your votes for that office will not count.*

See the other side if you make a mistake on your ballot.

3 Seal your ballot in the tan ballot envelope

- Do not write on this envelope.

4 Slide the tan ballot envelope and the voter registration application into the top of the white signature envelope

5 Complete the white signature envelope

- If there is no label, print your name and Minnesota address.
- Read and sign the oath and write the date.
This signature will be compared to the one on your absentee ballot application.
- Ask your witness to print their name and Minnesota address, indicate which proof you showed them, and sign their name.

If your witness is an official, they must print their title instead of an address.

Notaries must also affix their stamp.

- Seal the envelope. First the small flap, then the large flap.

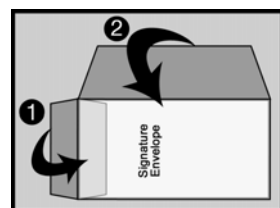
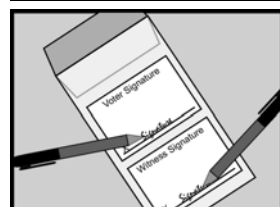
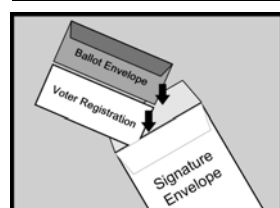
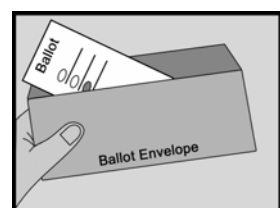
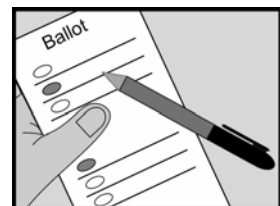
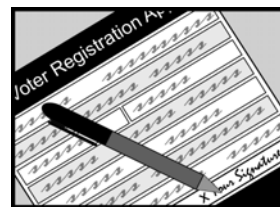
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You have three options:

- Send it so it arrives by election day, using U.S. mail or a package delivery service,
- Deliver it in person by 5:00 p.m. on the day before the election, or
- Ask someone to deliver it by 3:00 p.m. on election day.

This person cannot deliver more than 3 ballots.



Options for proof of where you live

A valid Minnesota driver's license, Minnesota ID card, or permit with your current address

or

A photo ID that does not have your current address along with a document that does

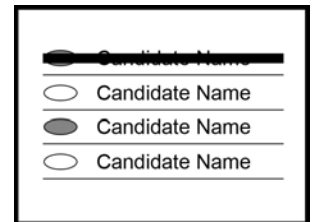
- **Eligible photo IDs:** Minnesota driver's license or ID card, U.S. passport, U.S. military ID card, Minnesota college/university student ID card, or tribal ID card with your signature, from a tribe recognized by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)
- **Eligible documents with your current address:** a current student fee statement, or an original utility bill with a due date 30 days before or after the election, or a rent statement showing utility expenses. Eligible utility bills are gas, electric, solid waste, water, sewer, phone, television, or internet provider services.

or one of the following:

- A yellow receipt for a valid Minnesota driver's license, ID card, or permit with your current address
- Vouching: the signature of a registered voter who lives in your precinct and personally knows that you live in the precinct. If your witness is registered to vote in this precinct, your witness may vouch for you. *This person must complete and sign the voucher form on the back of the voter registration application.*
- A tribal ID card with your name, address, signature and picture, from a tribe recognized by the BIA
- A "Notice of Late Registration" if you received one from the county auditor or city clerk
- If you have moved within your precinct or changed your name, a current registration in the precinct
- Vouching for residents of certain residential facilities: the signature of an employee of your residential facility, including nursing homes, group homes, battered women's shelters, homeless shelters, etc. If you are not sure if the residential facility where you live is eligible, call your local election official. *The employee must complete and sign the voucher form on the back of the voter registration application.*

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Minnesota Statutes, section 645.44, subd. 14

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Instructions

How to vote by absentee ballot for military and overseas voters

Get ready

You will need:

- Ballot
- Tan ballot envelope
- White signature envelope
- Pen with black ink
- Your ID number
U.S. passport number, Minnesota driver's license or ID card number, or the last four digits of your Social Security Number.
See below if you do not have any of these numbers.

1 Vote!

- Mark your votes in private.
- Follow the instructions on the ballot.
- Do not write your name or ID number anywhere on the ballot.
- Do not vote for more candidates than allowed. *If you do, your votes for that office will not count.*

See the other side if you make a mistake on your ballot.

2 Seal your ballot in the tan ballot envelope

- Do not write on this envelope.

3 Slide the tan ballot envelope into the top of the white signature envelope

4 Complete the white signature envelope

- If there is no label, print your name and Minnesota address (present or last).
- Print your email address and phone number (optional).
- Print your passport number, Minnesota driver's license or ID card number, or the last four digits of your Social Security Number.

Be sure to use the same number that you provided on your absentee ballot application. The numbers must match.

If you do not have access to any of these documents, leave this space blank.

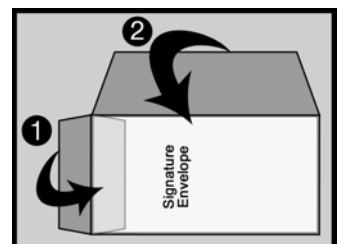
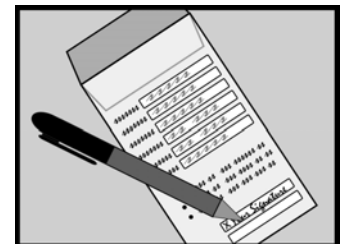
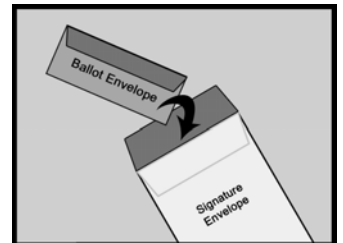
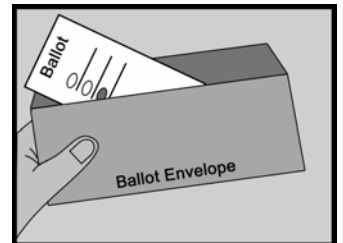
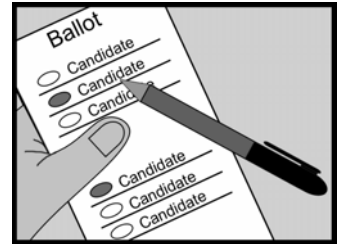
- Read and sign the oath and write the date.
- Seal the envelope. First the small flap, then the large flap.

5 Return your ballot by election day to the address on the signature envelope

- Send it so it arrives by election day, using mail, a package delivery service, or the diplomatic pouch at the U.S. Embassy or consulate

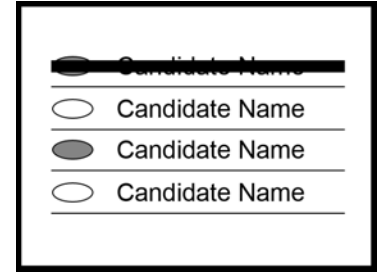
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See the other side for special instructions, if you have a disability.



Correcting a mistake

- Completely erase the mistake, or
- Completely cross out the name of the candidate you accidentally marked and then mark your ballot for the candidate you prefer, or
- Ask for a new ballot from your election office. Their contact information can be found in the return address section of the envelope in which you received these materials.



If you have a disability:

If you have a disability or cannot mark your ballot, your witness may assist you by marking your ballot at your direction, assembling the materials, and filling out the forms for you.

When signing the envelope, Minnesota law says you may:

- Sign the return envelope yourself, or
- Make your mark, or
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- If you have adopted the use of a signature stamp for all purposes of signature, you may use your signature stamp or ask your witness to use your signature stamp in your presence.

Minnesota Statutes, section 645.44, subd. 14

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Instructions

How to vote by absentee ballot

for military and overseas voters sent ballots electronically

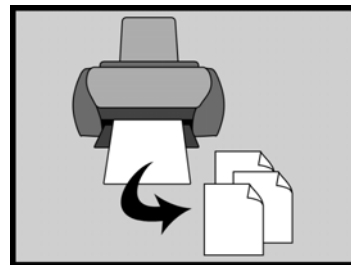
Note: Your ballot must be printed out and physically returned. It cannot be returned electronically.

Get ready

- You will need:**
- A printer
 - A pen with black ink
 - Two envelopes
 - You can provide your own blank envelopes, or
 - Print the envelope templates directly onto envelopes (print the mailing envelope onto an envelope approximately 4 1/8 inches by 9 1/2 inches, so that everything is positioned according to postal regulations), or
 - If you do not have access to any envelopes, create the envelopes by folding and taping or gluing the attachments.
 - Your ID number
U.S. passport number, Minnesota driver's license or ID card number, or the last four digits of your Social Security Number.
See below if you do not have any of these numbers

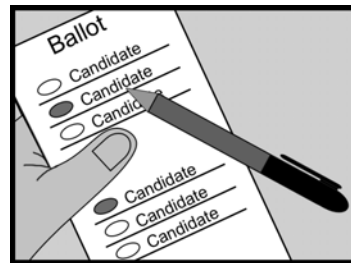
1 Print the materials

- Print your ballot, the Certificate of Eligibility, and the envelope templates, if you are using them.
- Please note that the ballot may take multiple pages.
- Your printer should automatically scale the documents to fit on the printable area of the page. Just be sure that none of the words or ovals are cut off.



2 Vote!

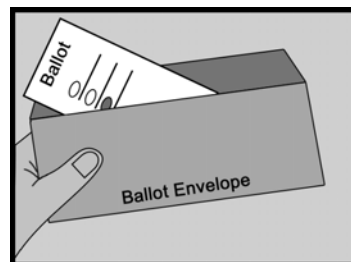
- Mark your votes in private.
- Follow the instructions on the ballot.
- Do not write your name or an ID number anywhere on the ballot.
- Do not vote for more candidates than allowed. *If you do, your votes for that office will not count.*



See below if you make a mistake on your ballot.

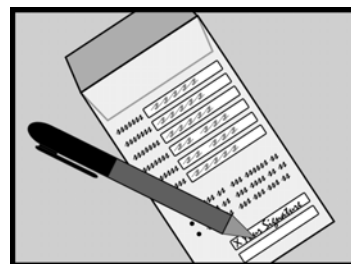
3 Use one of the envelopes as the ballot envelope

- Put your ballot in this envelope to keep your votes private.
- Seal the envelope.
- Do not write on this envelope.



4 Complete the Certificate of Eligibility

- Print your name and your Minnesota address (present or last).
- Print your email address and phone number (optional).
- Print your passport number, Minnesota driver's license or ID card number, or the last four digits of your Social Security Number.
Be sure to use the same number that you provided on your absentee ballot application. The numbers must match.
If you do not have access to any of these documents, leave this space blank.
- Read and sign the oath and write the date.



5 Put it all together

- Attach the Certificate of Eligibility to the ballot envelope.
- Your second envelope is the return (mailing) envelope.
- Put the ballot envelope and the Certificate of Eligibility into the return envelope.
- Seal the return envelope.
- Address the return envelope to:

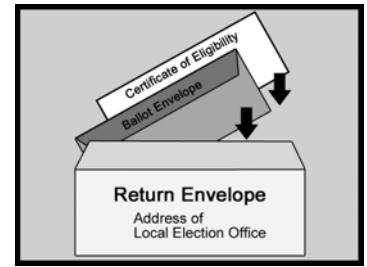
Official Absentee Balloting Material

_____ County

[Street Address]

[City], MN [Zip Code]

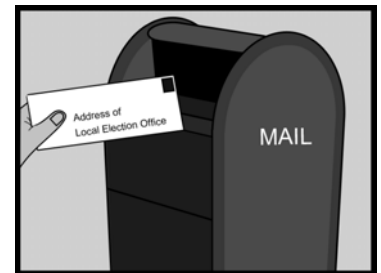
USA



6 Return your ballot by election day to the address above

- Send it so it arrives by election day, using mail, a package delivery service, or the diplomatic pouch at the U.S. Embassy

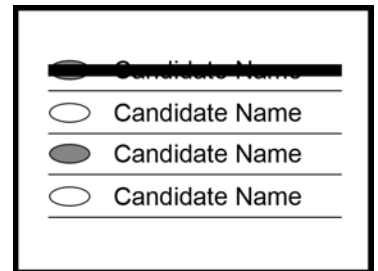
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- Completely cross out the name of the candidate you accidentally marked and then mark your ballot for the candidate you prefer, or
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- 1. Registered Voters**
- 2. Unregistered Voters**
- 3. Military and Overseas Voters**

↓ TO BE COMPLETED BY VOTER ↓	
VOTER'S NAME (PLEASE PRINT)	
VOTER'S MINNESOTA ADDRESS (PLEASE PRINT)	
MN	
I certify that on election day I will meet all the legal requirements to vote by absentee ballot.	
VOTER'S SIGNATURE	DATE
↓ TO BE COMPLETED BY WITNESS ↓	
I certify that the voter	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • showed me the blank ballots before voting; • marked the ballots in private or, if physically unable to mark the ballots, the ballots were marked as directed by the voter; and • enclosed and sealed the ballots in the secrecy envelope. 	
NAME OF WITNESS (PLEASE PRINT)	
ADDRESS OF NON-NOTARY WITNESS IN MINNESOTA (PLEASE PRINT)	
MN	
SIGNATURE OF WITNESS	DATE
TITLE OF WITNESS (IF AN OFFICIAL)	
↓ FOR OFFICE USE ONLY ↓	
<input type="checkbox"/> ACCEPTED	
<input type="checkbox"/> REJECTED _____ <small style="margin-left: 150px;">Reason</small>	

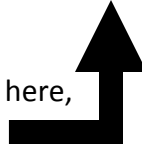
TO BE COMPLETED BY VOTER	
VOTER'S NAME (PLEASE PRINT)	
VOTER'S MINNESOTA ADDRESS (PLEASE PRINT)	
I certify that on election day I will meet all the legal requirements to vote by absentee ballot.	
VOTER'S SIGNATURE	DATE
TO BE COMPLETED BY WITNESS	
I certify that the voter	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • showed me the blank ballots before voting; • marked the ballots in private or, if physically unable to mark the ballots, the ballots were marked as directed by the voter; • enclosed and sealed the ballots in the secrecy envelope; • registered to vote by filling out and enclosing a voter registration application in the ballot envelope; and • provided proof of residence as indicated below. 	
NAME OF WITNESS (PLEASE PRINT)	
ADDRESS OF NON-NOTARY WITNESS IN MINNESOTA (PLEASE PRINT)	
MN	
SIGNATURE OF WITNESS	DATE
TITLE OF WITNESS (IF AN OFFICIAL)	
Witness—please check one:	
<input type="checkbox"/> MN Driver's License/Permit/ID Card or receipt with current address Number _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tribal ID card with name, current address, signature, and picture	
<input type="checkbox"/> Utility bill or student fee statement plus a MN Driver's License/ID Card, Tribal ID card with picture, U.S. Passport, U.S. military ID card with picture, or student ID card with picture. Number _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Previous registration in the same precinct.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of late registration from county auditor or municipal clerk.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Registered voter in the precinct who vouched for absentee voter's residence in the precinct. (Please complete the three voucher lines below.)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Employee of a residential facility in the precinct who vouched for absentee voter's residence at the facility. (Please complete the three voucher lines below.)	
VOUCHER'S NAME AND NAME OF RESIDENTIAL FACILITY, IF APPLICABLE (PLEASE PRINT)	
VOUCHER'S ADDRESS OR ADDRESS OF RESIDENTIAL FACILITY, IF APPLICABLE (PLEASE PRINT)	
VOUCHER'S TELEPHONE NUMBER OR TELEPHONE NUMBER OF RESIDENTIAL FACILITY, IF APPLICABLE (PLEASE PRINT)	
VOUCHER'S SIGNATURE	
FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
<input type="checkbox"/> ACCEPTED <input type="checkbox"/> REJECTED _____ <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Reason</div>	

TO BE COMPLETED BY VOTER	
VOTER'S NAME (PLEASE PRINT)	
VOTER'S PRESENT OR LAST ADDRESS IN MINNESOTA (PLEASE PRINT)	
CITY OR TOWN (PLEASE PRINT)	
COUNTY (PLEASE PRINT)	
TELEPHONE NUMBER (OPTIONAL)	
CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS (OPTIONAL)	
<p>I swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that I am:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> a member of the uniformed services or merchant marine on active duty or an eligible spouse or dependent of such a member; <input type="checkbox"/> a United States citizen temporarily residing outside the United States; <input type="checkbox"/> other United States citizen residing outside the United States	
<p>and I am a United States citizen, at least 18 years of age (or will be by the date of the election), and I am eligible to vote in the requested jurisdiction; I have not been convicted of a felony, or other disqualifying offense, or been adjudicated mentally incompetent, or, if so, my voting rights have been reinstated; and I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the United States except the jurisdiction cited in this voting form.</p> <p>In voting, I have marked and sealed my ballot in private and have not allowed any person to observe the marking of the ballot, except for those authorized to assist voters under state or federal law. I have not been influenced.</p> <p>My signature and date below indicate when I completed this document. The information on this form is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that a material misstatement of fact in completion of this document may constitute grounds for a conviction of perjury.</p>	
I.D. NUMBER (Passport number, MN Driver's License or State Identification Card number, or the last four digits of the voter's Social Security Number as provided on the absentee ballot application):	
VOTER'S SIGNATURE	DATE
FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
<input type="checkbox"/> ACCEPTED	
<input type="checkbox"/> REJECTED _____ <small style="margin-left: 100px;">Reason</small>	

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- 1. Registered Voters**
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Put the **Ballot Envelope** in here,
then seal flap



Signature Envelope

Voter completes this section please print clearly

Voter's name

Voter's MN address MN

I certify that on election day I will meet all the legal requirements to vote by absentee ballot.

Voter's Signature X

Date

Witness completes this section

Witness name

MN address or title, if an official MN

I certify that:

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- The voter enclosed and sealed the ballots in the secrecy envelope; and
- I am or have been registered to vote in Minnesota, or am a notary, or am authorized to give oaths.

Witness Signature X

If notary, must affix stamp


Have you...

- Sealed your ballot in the tan ballot envelope?
- Put the ballot envelope in this envelope?
- Signed this envelope?
- Asked your witness to complete their section and sign their name?

Then, return your ballot so it is received by election day.

For Official Use Only

Accepted Rejected (reason: _____)

Put the **Ballot Envelope** and
Voter Registration Application
in here, then seal flap 

Signature Envelope

Voter completes this section please print clearly

Voter's name

Voter's MN address
 MN

I certify that on election day I will meet all the legal requirements to vote by absentee ballot.

Voter's Signature

Date

Witness completes this section

Witness name

MN address or title, if an official
 MN

Voter must provide proof of residence: (See instructions, check one)

- MN driver's license, ID card, permit, or receipt
- Utility bill or student fee statement plus photo ID
- Registered voter in the precinct who vouched for voter's residence in the precinct (Must complete the voucher form on back of the Voter Registration Application.)
- Tribal ID card
- Notice of late registration
- Previous registration in the same precinct
- An employee of a residential facility in the precinct who vouched for voter's residence at the facility (Must complete the voucher form on back of the Voter Registration Application.)

I certify that:

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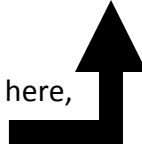
Witness Signature

If notary, must affix stamp

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Accepted Rejected (reason:)

Put the **Ballot Envelope** in here,
then seal flap



Signature Envelope

Voter completes this section please print clearly

Voter's name

Voter's MN address
(present or last) MN

ID Number
(Passport #, MN driver's license #, MN ID card #, or last four digits of SSN)

Email

Phone (optional)

I swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that I am:

- a member of the uniformed services or merchant marine on active duty or an eligible spouse or dependent of such a member;
- a United States citizen temporarily residing outside the United States;
- other United States citizen residing outside the United States, and

- I am a United States citizen,
- at least 18 years of age (or will be by the date of the election), and
- I am eligible to vote in the requested jurisdiction;
- I have not been convicted of a felony, or other disqualifying offense, or been adjudicated mentally incompetent, or, if so, my voting rights have been reinstated; and
- I am not registering, requesting a ballot, or voting in any other jurisdiction in the United States except the jurisdiction cited in this voting form.
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Voter's Signature

Date

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Accepted Rejected (reason:)