



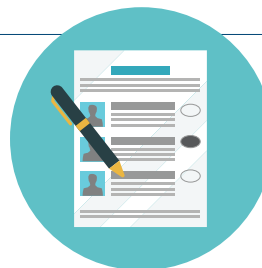
Instructions for Uniformed Services or Overseas Voters

R.C. 3511.021, 3511.09, 3511.021, 3505.181 & VRA Section 208

Please Read Carefully

1 Complete Your Ballot

- Fill in the entire box or oval for your selection.
- Do not make any other markings on your ballot.
- Follow the specific instructions on the ballot.



2 Prepare Your Ballot and Envelope

On the **outside** of the Identification Envelope, you **must** do the following:

- Print your name and address on the Identification Envelope (if not already pre-printed by your board of elections).
- Provide **ONE** of the following:
 - A. The last four digits of your Social Security number **OR**
 - B. Your Ohio driver's license or state ID card number (2 letters followed by 6 numbers) **OR**
 - C. A **COPY** of a different form of current photo identification (a driver's license, state ID card, or interim ID form issued by the Ohio BMV; a US passport or passport card; or a US military ID card, Ohio National Guard ID card, or US Department of Veterans Affairs ID card). The copy of the photo ID must include images of the front and back, except for a passport which must include the passport's identification page.



Place the **copy of your ID** in the Return Envelope **separate** from the Identification Envelope. Election officials must be able to see you have provided ID in order to open and count your ballot.

- Sign your name. **Important!** Your ballot cannot be counted without your signature.
- Do not remove the numbered stub attached to your ballot. The numbered stub must remain attached to your ballot. Your ballot cannot be counted if the stub is removed.
- Sign your completed Identification Envelope.

If you received your ballot by mail:

- Place your voted ballot into the completed Identification Envelope.
- Seal the envelope. Your ballot cannot be counted if it is not sealed in the Identification Envelope.
- Place the sealed, completed and signed Identification Envelope into the Return Envelope.

If you received your ballot by fax or email:

- You may print a copy of the first page of the Return Envelope which accompanied your balloting materials from your county boards of elections (SOS Form 285 – using the number 10 or 6" x 9" template size depending on what will fit best on your envelope) and securely affix it to a return envelope.¹
- Place the Identification Envelope/Statement of Voter and your voted ballot in the Return Envelope. If you did not write your Ohio driver's license number, state ID card number, or the last four digits of your Social Security number on your Identification Envelope/Statement of Voter, include a copy of a current and valid photo identification (a driver's license, state ID card, or interim ID form issued by the Ohio BMV; a US passport or passport card; or a US military ID card, Ohio National Guard ID card, or US Department of Veterans Affairs ID card). Place the copy of your identification in the Return Envelope but not inside the Identification Envelope. Election officials must be able to determine you have provided identification in order to count your ballot.
- Seal the Return Envelope.

¹Alternatively, you may utilize the Open Postage-Paid Envelope Template on the Federal Voting Assistance Program website (www.fvap.gov and search "Envelopes") which may be used if mailed in the U.S. Postal System, which includes all U.S. military post offices (APO/FPO) overseas, or through the diplomatic pouch available at U.S. embassies/consulates. The template must be printed on a number 10 or larger.

3 Return Your Ballot

Return Your Ballot In Person By: **Election Day at 7:30 p.m.**

Mail Your Ballot By: **The close of polls on Election Day**

By Mail

- If you are returning the ballot through the U.S. Postal Service, APO/FPO system, or diplomatic pouch, no postage is necessary.
- If you are returning the ballot from outside of the U.S. Postal Service, APO/FPO system, or diplomatic pouch, you must affix sufficient postage to ensure the prompt delivery of your ballot. Affix any sufficient postage required to the envelope over the U.S. Postage Paid 39 USC 3406 indicia.
- In order for your ballot to be counted, the ballot must be submitted for mailing by the close of polls on Election Day and the voted ballot must be received by the county board of elections by the fourth day after the election.
- You may not return your absentee voter ballot to your polling place or transmit your ballot by electronic means (fax or email).
- Ballots received late cannot be counted.



In Person

If you are returning your absentee ballot in person to your board of elections, you must do so by 7:30 p.m. on Election Day. Only you, your spouse, child, or a near relative* may deliver your ballot to the board of elections for you. A disabled voter may select any person of their choosing to deliver their ballot, other than their employer or an officer in their union. The person delivering the ballot for a family member or disabled voter must complete an attestation form at the county board of elections office (Form 12-P). For county boards of elections locations and hours, please visit: VoteOhio.gov.

Drop boxes may only be used by a voter to return their own personal ballot.

You may **NOT** return your absentee ballot to your polling place.



4 Track Your Ballot

- ☐ Go to VoteOhio.gov/track.
- ☐ Select your county.
- ☐ Enter your first and last name to see where your ballot is or if it has been processed.

What happens if I make an error when I mark my ballot?

If you make a mistake when marking your ballot, please contact your county board of elections for a replacement ballot. You may request a replacement ballot only two times.

NOTICE:

If you change your mind about voting absentee and decide to vote at your polling location on Election Day, you will be required to vote a provisional ballot.

*Persons who may return the voted ballot include: the voter, the voter's spouse or the voter's father, mother, father-in-law, mother-in-law, grandfather, grandmother, brother, or sister of the whole or half blood, or the son, daughter, adopting parent, adopted child, stepparent, stepchild, uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece (R.C. 3509.05).