



INSTRUCTIONS TO ABSENTEE VOTER USING A REMOTE BALLOT MARKING SYSTEM

R.C. 3509.04-.07, 3505.181; 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq., 52 U.S.C. § 10508

- 1 ACCESS YOUR BALLOT:** Access your ballot using the link that has been emailed to you by your county board of elections.
- 2 MARK YOUR BALLOT:** Mark your ballot according to the specific instructions for using the remote ballot marking system that have been provided to you by your county board of elections.
- 3 PRINT YOUR BALLOT:** You must print your ballot and return it to the board.
- 4 COMPLETE YOUR IDENTIFICATION ENVELOPE/STATEMENT OF VOTER:**
Your county board of elections is providing both an electronic and a paper Identification Envelope/Statement of Voter to you. The first one has been emailed to you with the link to your ballot. The second one is being mailed to you by your county board of elections. You must complete and sign only one of the Identification Envelope/Statement of Voter and return it with your ballot to your county board of elections in order for your ballot to count.
 - A.** If your board of elections has not already pre-printed your name on the Statement of Voter, you must **print your name - REQUIRED.**
 - B. Provide your Ohio driver license or State ID card number** (two letters followed by six numbers) **OR the last four digits of your Social Security number.** If you do not provide either of these forms of identification, you must enclose a copy of a valid photo ID in the Return Envelope as described below - **REQUIRED.**
 - C. Sign your name.** Your ballot cannot be counted without your signature - **REQUIRED.** If you sign the Statement of Voter that your county board of elections has mailed to you, there is a hole punch on each side of the signature line. Place your signature in the space between the two hole punches.
- 5 PREPARE YOUR VOTED BALLOT FOR SUBMISSION:**
 - A.** Place your voted ballot and completed and signed Statement of Voter into a return envelope. You may use the Return Envelope that your county board of elections mailed to you, or you may use an envelope that you provide.
 - B.** If you did not include your Ohio driver license or state ID card number or the last 4 digits of your Social Security number on your Statement of Voter, include a **COPY** of a different form of current photo identification (a driver license, state ID card, or interim ID form issued by the Ohio BMV; a U.S. passport or passport card; or a U.S. military ID card, U.S. military dependent card, Ohio National Guard ID card, or U.S. 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 (or the envelope that you provide) separate from the Identification Envelope. Election officials must be able to see you have provided ID in order to count your ballot.
 - C.** Seal the envelope containing your ballot, completed and signed Statement of Voter, and, if appropriate, your separate ID document. If you are mailing your ballot in an envelope that you provide, be sure to address it to your county board of elections.
- 6 RETURN YOUR VOTED BALLOT:**
Ohio law requires all absentee ballots to be received by 7:30 p.m. on Election Day under one of the following options:
 - **BY MAIL:** Complete your ballot, place in ID envelope, sign and seal, insert into the return envelope, and return it with affixed postage to your county board of elections *as soon as possible* to allow for postal delivery by 7:30 p.m. on Election Day.
 - **IN PERSON TO A DROP BOX:** Complete your ballot, place in ID envelope, sign and seal, insert into the return envelope, and return it in person without postage to the drop box located at your county board of elections by 7:30 p.m. on Election Day.
 - **IN PERSON AT THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS OFFICE:** Complete your ballot, place in ID envelope, sign and seal, insert into the return envelope, and return it in person without postage to your county board of elections office by 7:30 p.m. on Election Day. Only you or a near relative* may deliver your ballot. A voter who is disabled may select anyone to deliver their ballot, other than their employer or an officer in their union. The person delivering a ballot for either a family member or a voter with a disability **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/Boards.
 - You may NOT return your absent voter's ballot to your polling place.
 - Ballots received late cannot be counted.

* Near relative includes 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).

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.