

# Instructions

## How to vote by absentee ballot for military and overseas voters

### You will need:

- Ballot\*
- Tan ballot envelope\*
- White signature envelope\*
- Larger white return envelope\*

\*If any of these items are missing, please contact your local election official.

- Pen with black ink
- Your ID number  
Minnesota driver's license number, Minnesota ID card number, U.S. passport 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 Put the tan ballot envelope into the white signature envelope

### 4 Fill out the white signature envelope completely

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

**Be sure to use one of the same numbers that you provided on your absentee ballot application.**

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

- Read and sign the oath.
- Seal the envelope.

### 5 Put the signature envelope into the larger white return envelope to protect your private information from view

- Seal the envelope.

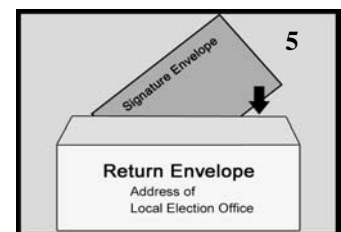
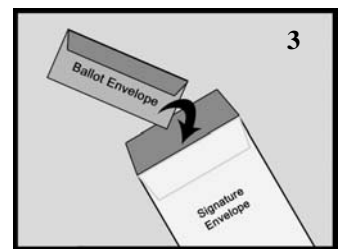
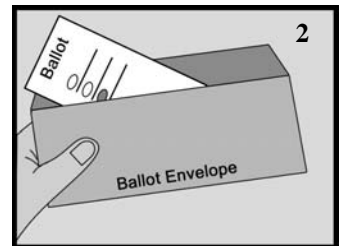
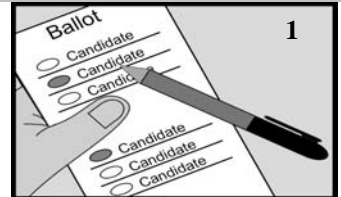
### 6 Return your ballot by Election Day to the address on the return envelope

- Send it so it arrives by Election Day, using mail, a package delivery service, or the diplomatic pouch at a U.S. embassy or consulate.
- Postage is not required if the postal permit is on the envelope and it is sent using the U.S. mail, U.S. military mail, or the diplomatic pouch. Postage may be required if you use a foreign mail service or a package delivery service.

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

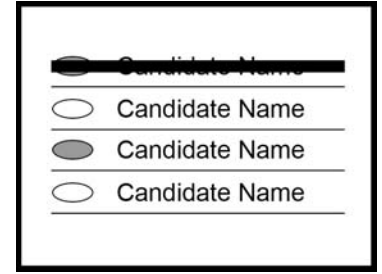
**To check the status of your absentee ballot, visit <http://www.mnvotes.org>.**

If you have any questions, contact your county elections office at [insert e-mail address] or [insert telephone number].



## Correcting a mistake

- If time allows, ask for a new ballot from your election office. Contact your election office at [e-mail] or [phone number], or
- Completely cross out the name of the candidate you accidentally marked and then mark your ballot for the candidate you prefer (do not initial your corrections).



## If you have a disability:

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

When signing the envelope, Minnesota law says you may:

- Sign the return envelope yourself, or
- Make your mark, or
- Ask another person to sign for you in your presence. (Have this person 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 another person to use your signature stamp in your presence.

Minnesota Statutes, section 645.44, subdivision 14

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

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**Confidentiality Notice:** If your ballot envelope is accepted, your name and address is available to the public upon that acceptance, when used for elections, political and law enforcement purposes. Otherwise, the data you supply on your signature envelope is restricted to election officials until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. After that time, your envelope and the data on it, other than your identification number, are public information. Your ID number is required to ensure that the ballot is returned by the same voter who applied for it. You may refuse to provide it, but doing so may lead your absentee ballot to be rejected and will prevent you from checking on the status of your absentee ballot online.