ABSENTEE VOTING INSTRUCTIONS – GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT

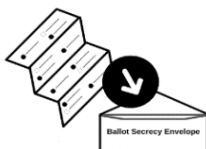Read and follow all directions

Ballots must be received at the election office by **8 p.m. on November 3, 2020**

Failure to follow directions may invalidate part or all of your ballot
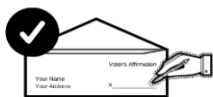
1. Vote your ballot with a blue or black pen.

Official Ballot

2. Seal your voted ballot in a ballot secrecy

Ballot Secrecy Envelope

3. Make sure your name and address are printed correctly on the return envelope. Read and sign the Voter's affirmation.

4. Seal your ballot secrecy envelope inside the return envelope.

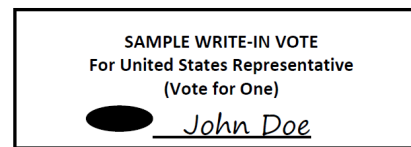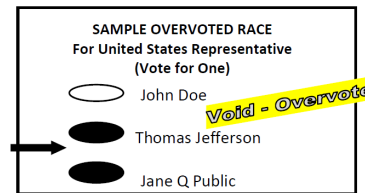5. Return your ballot by mail or in person. Your ballot must be received by **8pm on Election Day,** 11/03/2020

6. **DO NOT FORGET POSTAGE**

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postage required

VOTE YOUR BALLOT

- ✓ Completely fill in the oval for each race using only black or blue ink pen.
- ✓ Vote all columns, both sides, and all pages of the ballot. *Skipping a race will not invalidate your ballot.*
- ✓ **Do not** make an X, √, or another mark.
- ✓ **Do not** cross out, erase, or use correction fluid.
- ✓ **Do not** make any identifying marks on your ballot.
- ✓ **Do not** mark more choices than allowed for each race (overvote). Overvoted races are NOT counted.
- ✓ **To write in** a candidate's name, completely fill in the oval next to the line and print the name in the blank space.
- ✓ If you make a mistake or spoil your ballot, request a replacement from your county election office.

SAMPLE OVERVOTED RACE
For United States Representative
(Vote for One)

John Doe
Void - Overvote

Thomas Jefferson

Jane Q Public

SAMPLE WRITE-IN VOTE
For United States Representative
(Vote for One)

John Doe

PREPARE BALLOT TO SEND

- ✓ Place voted ballot in the **SECRECY ENVELOPE** and seal the envelope.
- ✓ **SIGN** the voter affirmation on the **Return Signature Envelope**.
- ✓ Do not sign for another person.
- ✓ Failure to sign may invalidate your ballot.
- ✓ If your signature does not match your signatures on file, the ballot may be rejected.
- ✓ Place the Secrecy Envelope containing your **VOTED** ballot into the **Return Signature Envelope** and seal the envelope.

RETURN BALLOT

Mail your ballot: Postal Service recommends mail at least **one week before the election**; **or drop off ballot** at your county election office:

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COUNTY ELECTION OFFICE

Address_____

City/Zip_____

Ballots must be RECEIVED at the election office by 8 p.m. on Election Day, November 3, 2020.
A postmark is not accepted. If you mail your ballot make sure there is enough time for it to reach your election office.

TRACK YOUR BALLOT

View the status of your absentee ballot and the Voter Information Pamphlet on the "My Voter Page" at: https://app.mt.gov/voterinfo/

MILITARY/OVERSEAS VOTERS: Active-duty absent military or overseas citizens can register and vote electronically. See sosmt.gov or Montana Electronic Absentee System (MT EAS): www.vote4montana.us.

ASSISTANCE FOR VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES - There are options for voters with disabilities including equipment for individuals with visual and mobility impairments. Contact your county election office for more information.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS CONTACT YOUR COUNTY ELECTION OFFICE:

Phone: _____   Fax: _____   Email:_____