**2017 UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE SPECIAL ELECTION**

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR VOTERS COVERED UNDER THE**

**UNIFORMED AND OVERSEAS CITIZENS ABSENTEE VOTING ACT (UOCAVA)**

**Read carefully and follow all directions**

**Ballots must be received by election office by 8 p.m. on Election Day, May 25, 2017**

***Failure to follow directions may invalidate part or all of your ballot***

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| 1. **VOTE YOUR BALLOT**
* Completely fill in the oval for each race using only black or blue ink pen.
* Vote in all columns as applicable.
* **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) as that will cause that race only to not be counted.

**SAMPLE OVERVOTED RACE****For United States Representative****(Vote for One)** John Doe   Thomas Jefferson Jane Q Public* To write in a candidate’s name, completely fill in the oval to the left of the line provided and print the name in the blank space.

**SAMPLE WRITE-IN VOTE****For United States Representative****(Vote for One)** John Doe* If you make a mistake or spoil your ballot, request a replacement ballot from the election office.
1. **PREPARE BALLOT FOR SUBMITTAL (If ballot was received by mail and is being returned via mail)**
* Place VOTED ballot in the SECRECY ENVELOPE and seal.
* **SIGN YOUR signature** on the voter affirmation on the back of the Signature Envelope. Failure to sign may invalidate your ballot.
* If the signature on the affirmation does not match the signature on file, the ballot may be rejected.
* Place the Secrecy Envelope containing your voted ballot into the Signature Envelope and Seal.
 | * **RETURN BALLOT**
* Mail, fax or email your ballot to

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* Ballots returned by email must be transmitted by the voter by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, and received by the election office by 5:00 p.m. the day after Election Day.
* Ballots mailed from a U.S. Post Office, an overseas U.S. Military Post Office or an American Embassy or Consulate may be mailed without postage. Estimated postage to return a ballot if not mailed from a listed facility is\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 **TRACK YOUR BALLOT**You can confirm the status of your absentee ballot for any Federal Election on “My Voter Page” found at [sosmt.gov/Elections](http://www.sosmt.gov/Elections).  **VOTE USING THE ELECTRONIC ABSENTEE SYSTEM****EAS**Voters covered under UOCAVA may use the **Montana Electronic Absentee System (EAS)** to register and apply for an absentee ballot, and to vote and return a voted ballot via email.**Find information and access the system at** <http://sosmt.gov/Elections/Military_Overseas>For more information about voter rights under UOCAVA, including the right to conduct voter registration and voting activities electronically, go to sos.mt.gov/Elections or FVAP.gov.**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS CONTACT THE ELECTION OFFICE AT:**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ County Election Office MC900434859[1]Phone: 406-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Fax: 406-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |