



Absentee Voting Instructions Uniformed and Overseas Voters

STEP 1 – Complete your ballot in private.

STEP 2 – Complete and sign the voter’s affidavit included with your ballot. Your absentee ballot will not be counted if the voter’s affidavit is not signed.

- Please note: If you choose to return your absentee ballot by **email** or **fax**, you are voluntarily waiving your right to a secret ballot. (Election officials under oath will be the only people to see your ballot and they are only checking to make sure the transmission has captured your votes on the ballot.)
- Please note: Absentee ballots returned by **email** or **fax** must be received by the county auditor’s office no later than midnight in your home county the day before the election
- If you happen to make a mistake while voting, please print a new copy of the ballot, vote the new ballot, and destroy the ballot containing the errors.

I, Your Name, under penalty of impersonating a registered voter (five years imprisonment and \$10,000 fine), state that I am a registered voter, that my voting residence is Your Registration Address, City, SD Zip, and that I have voted the enclosed ballot.



Signature of Voter
Your Precinct Number

STEP 3 – Returning your ballot

- If returning your ballot by **email**, scan both the ballot and the voter’s affidavit and return via email to your county auditor’s office.
- If returning your ballot by **fax**, make sure to fax both the ballot and the voter’s affidavit to your county auditor’s office.
- If returning your ballot by **mail**:
 - Fold your ballot with the printed side toward the inside to conceal your vote;
 - Place your folded ballot into a mailing envelope that you provide;
 - Cut out the mailing label and tape to the front side of the envelope. Clear tape is preferable. All wording must be visible through the tape. The US Postal Service recommends that the entire surface of the label is covered with clear tape to protect it during transport.
 - Types of postage
 - The mailing label includes prepaid first class postage for military and overseas citizens who have access to the US Postal Service or Military Postal Service.
 - Prepaid expedited mail service is available for the General Election only by asking the Military Postal Service for a Label 11-DOD (see sample to the right). Place this sticker over the barcode and first class postage printed on the mailing label.
 - For overseas citizens who do not have access to the Military Post Office, the correct postage for the country from which the absentee ballot is being mailed must be used. Place the postage over the barcode and first class postage printed on the mailing label.
 - **Absentee ballots returned by mail must be postmarked no later than the day before the election.**
- In the June Election, crossover voting is not allowed between the political parties in the consolidated primary portion of the ballot – this means that you may vote for only those candidates listed under the column heading of one of the political parties in the political party primary section of the ballot – failure to stay within the column will result in the rejection of your votes in this section of the ballot. (N.D.C.C. § 16.1-11-22(4))



STEP 4 – Track receipt of your Absentee Ballot

- You may track receipt of your absentee ballot by accessing the Voter Information Portal on the North Dakota Secretary of State’s website located at <https://vip.sos.nd.gov/>.