

INSTRUCTIONS TO ABSENTEE VOTER USING A REMOTE BALLOT MARKING SYSTEM

R.C. 3509.04-.07, 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq.

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's license 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 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's license number or the last 4 digits of your Social Security number on your Statement of Voter, include a copy of a current and valid photo identification, a military ID, or a current (within the last 12 months) utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document (other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a board of elections), that shows your name and address. 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:

- You or a near relative may deliver your ballot in person to the board of elections until the close of the polls on Election Day (7:30 p.m.), or you may return your ballot by mail. If you return your ballot by mail, it must be postmarked (not a date marked by a postage evidence system such as a postage meter) no later than the day before Election Day and received by your county board of elections not later than 10 days after Election Day in order to be counted. You must affix sufficient postage for the prompt delivery of your ballot.
- You may NOT return your absent voter's ballot to your polling place.
- Ballots received late cannot be counted.

NOTICE:

If you change your mind about voting absentee and decide to vote at your precinct polling location on Election Day, you will be required to vote a provisional ballot.