

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTING AN ABSENTEE PRIMARY BALLOT**

**Read carefully and follow all directions – Vote only one party ballot**

**Ballots must be received by election office by 8 p.m. on June 5, 2018**

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

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| 1. **VOTE ONLY ONE PARTY BALLOT**  * Completely fill in the oval for each race using only black or blue ink pen. * Vote in all columns and both sides of ballot as applicable. *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) as that will cause that race only to not be counted.   **SAMPLE OVERVOTED RACE**  **For United States Representative**  **(Vote for One)**  John Doe  Void Overvote    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 VOTED AND UNVOTED BALLOT(S) FOR SUBMITTAL**  * Place VOTED party ballot in the SECRECY ENVELOPE and seal the envelope. * Place UNVOTED party ballot(s) in the unvoted ballot envelope and seal the envelope. * **SIGN YOUR signature** on the voter affirmation on the back of the **Return Signature Envelope**. Failure to sign the Return Signature Envelope may invalidate your ballot. * If the signature on the Return Signature Envelope does not match the signature on file, the ballot may be rejected. * Place the Secrecy Envelope containing your voted ballot, and the unvoted ballot envelope into the Return Signature Envelope and seal the envelope. | 1. **RETURN BALLOT**  * Mail your ballot: USPS recommends that you   mail at least one week before the election; **or**   * Drop off ballot at election office:     \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_COUNTY ELECTION OFFICE  Address\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  City/Zip\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_   * **Ballots must be received at the election office by 8 p.m. on Election Day, June 5, 2018.** *(Note: a postmark cannot be accepted so if you mail your ballot make sure there is enough time for it to reach the election office.)*      * *DO NOT FORGET POSTAGE IF MAILING:*   *\_\_\_\_\_ cents postage required*      **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 information about  all options.  ES&S AutoMARK(i)  **TRACK YOUR BALLOT**  You can confirm the status of your  absentee ballot for any Federal  Election and review the Voter  Information Pamphlet (if applicable)  on “My Voter Page” found at  [sosmt.gov/Elections](http://www.sosmt.gov/Elections).  **MILITARY/OVERSEAS VOTERS**  **EAS** If you are an active-duty absent military  voter or overseas citizen, registration  and voting activities can be done  electronically. See [sosmt.gov/Elections](http://www.sosmt.gov/Elections).  **IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS CONTACT THE ELECTION OFFICE AT:**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ County Election Office  MC900434859[1]  Phone: 406-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Fax: 406-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |