

**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:

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* *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 aboutall 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: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |