



November 2023

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COVERED VOTERS RECEIVING A MOVE BALLOT BY MAIL

- Step 1. Enclosed you will find voting instructions as to the method of voting. Read these carefully and then vote the ballot.
- Step 2. After voting a ballot, place the ballot in the secrecy sleeve, if any. If a secrecy sleeve is not provided, refold the ballot to conceal your votes.
- Step 3. Place the ballot or ballots in the return envelope and securely seal the envelope.
- Step 4. Sign and date the return envelope in the place designated. Your signature must appear on the return envelope or the ballot will not be counted. If you are disabled or otherwise unable to mark the ballot and required assistance in voting your absent voter ballot, have the individual who assisted you complete the section on the return envelope entitled "TO BE COMPLETED ONLY IF VOTER IS ASSISTED IN VOTING BY ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL".
- Step 5. Deposit the postage prepaid return envelope in the United States mail, or place the necessary postage on the return envelope and deposit the return envelope with another public postal service, express mail service, parcel post service, or common carrier.
- Step 6. The ballot must reach the clerk or an authorized assistant of the clerk before the close of the polls on election day. An absent voter ballot received by the clerk or assistant of the clerk after the close of the polls on election day will not be counted.

For an absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter, the absent voter ballot return envelope containing a marked absent voter ballot must be postmarked on or before election day and must reach the clerk or authorized assistant of the clerk within 6 days after the election. If the absent voter ballot return envelope containing an absent voter ballot for an absent uniformed services voter or overseas voter is received by mail by the clerk or authorized assistant of the clerk more than 6 days after the election or is postmarked after election day, the absent voter ballot will not be counted.

**--IMPORTANT NOTE--**

The ballot cannot be returned to the clerk by email or fax.  
A voted ballot that is returned to the clerk by email or fax will not be counted.



## VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

**TO VOTE:** Completely darken the voting target area opposite each choice. Use only a black or blue ink pen to mark your choices.

**PARTISAN SECTION:** If partisan offices appear on the ballot, the offices must be voted by casting individual votes for the candidates of your choice.

**NONPARTISAN SECTION:** If nonpartisan offices appear on the ballot, the offices must be voted by casting individual votes for the candidates of your choice.

**AVOID "OVERVOTING":** When voting the partisan and nonpartisan sections of the ballot, do not cast a vote for more candidates than are indicated under the office title.

**PROPOSAL SECTION:** If proposals appear on the ballot, the proposals must be voted by casting a "Yes" vote or a "No" vote on each question.

**WRITE-IN CANDIDATES:** To vote for a candidate whose name is not printed on the ballot, write or place the name of that candidate in the blank space provided and completely darken the voting target area. Do not cast a write-in vote for a candidate whose name is already printed on the ballot for that office.

## WARNING

All of the following actions are violations of the Michigan election law and are illegal in this state:

- (1) To vote an absent voter ballot at a meeting or gathering at which other individuals are voting absent voter ballots.
- (2) For an individual who is assisting an absent voter in marking the ballot to suggest or in any manner attempt to influence the absent voter on how he or she should vote.
- (3) For an individual who is present and knows that an individual is voting an absent voter ballot to suggest or in any manner attempt to influence the absent voter on how he or she should vote.
- (4) For an individual other than a member of the immediate family of the voter including a father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandparent, or grandchild or an individual residing in the voter's household to return, offer to return, agree to return, or solicit to return an absent voter ballot to the clerk.
- (5) For an individual other than the absent voter; an individual listed above; or an individual whose job it is to handle mail before, during, or after being transported by a public postal service, express mail service, parcel post service, or common carrier, but only during the normal course of his or her employment to be in possession of a voted or unvoted absent voter ballot.