

PA 523 of 2012: Change to Absent Voter Ballot Return Envelope:

Public Act 523 of 2012 (effective March 27, 2013) made the following change (highlighted in yellow below) to the portion of the AV ballot return envelope that appears above the voter's signature (MCL 168.761(4)). Note that the law recognizes that the format of AV envelopes varies, and states that this language shall be printed on the back of the envelope, "in substantially the following form". Slight variations are acceptable – but any language deviating from that specified in law must be approved through the Bureau of Elections. (Send requests to elections@michigan.gov.)

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ABSENT VOTER

I assert that I am a United States citizen and a qualified and registered elector of the city, township, or village named above. I am voting as an absent voter in conformity with state election law. Unless otherwise indicated below, I personally marked the ballot enclosed in this envelope without exhibiting it to any other person.

I further assert that this absent voter ballot is being returned to the clerk or an assistant of the clerk by me personally; by public postal service, express mail service, parcel post service, or other common carrier; by a member of my immediate family; or by a person residing in my household.

DATE: _____

SIGN HERE: x _____
Signature of Absent Voter

The above form must be signed or your vote will not be counted. AN ABSENT VOTER WHO KNOWINGLY MAKES A FALSE STATEMENT IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR.