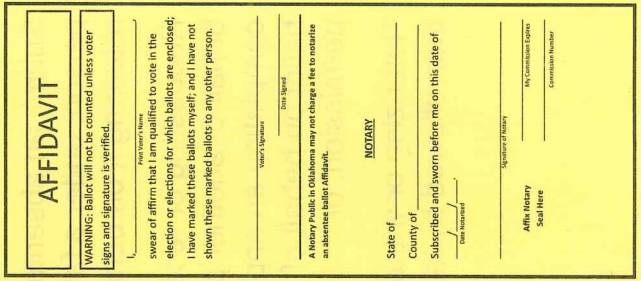
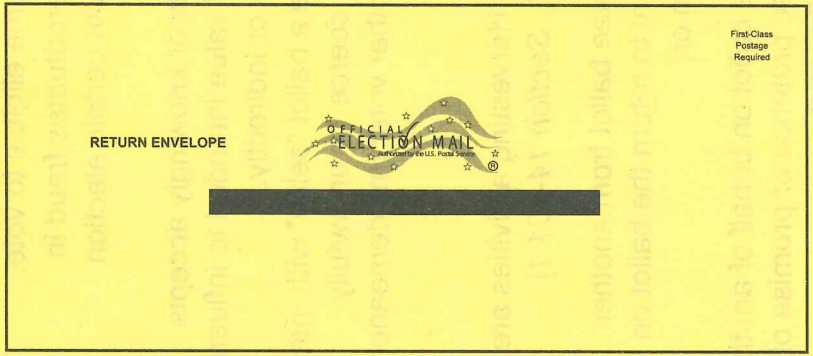
BALLOTS

ATTENTION VOTER

For secrecy, seal your voted ballot in this envelope before placing it in the affidavit envelope.





1. Place voted ballots in the Ballots Envelope.
2. Place sealed Ballots envelope in Affidavit Envelope.
3. Place completed Affidavit Envelope containing the Ballots Envelope inside the Return Envelope.
4 Seal the Return Envelope and affix postage.

Voting and Preparing Your Ballots

1. **If you have questions about your ballots, immediately contact your County Election Board.**

2. Ballots **must be marked with blue or black ink.**

3. Marked ballots must be sealed inside the **Ballots Envelope**.

4. The **Affidavit Envelope** must be:
    a. Filled out completely;
    b. Signed by the voter; and
    c. Notarized by a Notary Public.

5. The **Affidavit Envelope** may NOT be notarized by a candidate for an office on the ballot, by the chair or treasurer of a candidate's campaign, or by a person related to a candidate.

6. It is illegal for a Notary Public in Oklahoma to charge a fee to notarize an official absentee ballot affidavit.

7. The **Ballots Envelope** must be sealed inside the **Affidavit Envelope**. Then the **Affidavit Envelope** must be sealed inside the **Return Envelope**.

Returning Your Ballots

To return by mail:

1. **Ballots must be received no later than 7:00 p.m. on election day**. A postmark prior to 7:00 p.m. on election day **will not suffice**.

2. To ensure delivery of your ballots by the deadline, it is recommended that you mail your ballots to the County Election Board as soon as possible.

3. Ballots must be transmitted by United States mail or by a private mail service that provides delivery documentation.

4. You must return your own ballots.

5. You must affix First-class postage to your Return Envelope.

To return by hand delivery:

1. You may hand deliver your ballots to the County Election Board no later than the close of regular business hours **on the Monday prior to the election**.

2. You must hand deliver your own ballot.

3. You must show proof of identity when hand delivering your ballots.

4. **You may not hand deliver anyone else's absentee ballots.**

Warning

Title 26 of the Oklahoma Statutes provides that any person shall be deemed guilty of a felony who:

- Votes more than once at any election.
- Willfully votes in an election that she or he knows that she or he is not eligible to vote in.
- Knowingly voting and submitting the absentee ballot issued to another person.
- Swears or affirms a false affidavit in order to become eligible to vote.
- Knowingly perpetuates fraud in connection with certain election activities.
- Offers, solicits or knowingly accepts something of value intended to influence votes directly or indirectly.
- Cannot share a ballot "selfie" with intent to intimidate, coerce, or unlawfully influence another voter (misdemeanor).

The following Ballot Harvesting activities are illegal: [*Title 26 O.S., Section 14-101.1*]

Collecting an absentee ballot from another person with the intent to return the ballot on behalf of that person or,

Submit an absentee ballot on behalf of another person; under a false pretense or promise of returning it on behalf of that person or,

Requesting or receiving an absentee ballot on behalf of another person, or partially or fully completing an application for an absentee ballot on behalf of another person without prior permission, or

Notarizing or witnessing more absentee ballots than allowed by law.