



INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR VOTERS COVERED UNDER THE UNIFORMED AND OVERSEAS CITIZENS ABSENTEE VOTING ACT (UOCAVA)

Read carefully and follow all directions

Ballots must be received by election office by 8 p.m. on November 8, 2016

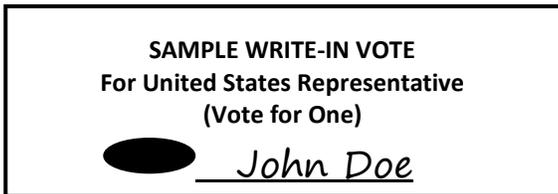
Failure to follow directions may invalidate part or all of your ballot

1. VOTE YOUR 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(s) 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.



- 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.



- If you make a mistake or spoil your ballot, request a replacement ballot from the election office.

2. PREPARE BALLOT FOR SUBMITTAL (If mailing)

- Place VOTED ballot in the SECRECY ENVELOPE and seal (if multiple sheets, return all sheets of the ballot).
- Place UNVOTED ballot in unvoted ballot envelope and seal.
- **SIGN YOUR signature** on the voter affirmation on the back of the Signature Envelope. Failure to sign may invalidate your ballot. 
- If the signature on the affirmation 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 Signature Envelope and Seal.

3. RETURN BALLOT

- Mail, fax or email your ballot to



MADISON COUNTY ELECTION OFFICE

Address: PO Box 366 / 103 W Wallace

City/Zip: Virginia City MT 59755

Email Address: kmumme@madison.mt.gov

Fax Number: (406) 843-5264

- **Ballots must be received at the election office by 8 p.m. on Election Day, November 8, 2016.** (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.)
- Ballots returned by email must be transmitted by the voter by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, and received by the election office by 5:00 p.m. the day after Election Day.
- Ballots mailed from a U.S. Post Office, an overseas U.S. Military Post Office or an American Embassy or Consulate may be mailed without postage. Estimated postage to return a ballot if not mailed from a listed facility is _____.



TRACK YOUR BALLOT

You can confirm the status of your absentee ballot for Federal Elections and review the Voter Information Pamphlet (if applicable) on "My Voter Page" found at sos.mt.gov/Elections.



VOTE USING THE ELECTRONIC ABSENTEE SYSTEM

Voters covered under UOCAVA may use the **Montana Electronic Absentee System (EAS)** to register and apply for an absentee ballot, and to vote and return a voted ballot via email.

Find information and access the system at http://sos.mt.gov/Elections/Military_Overseas



For more information about voter rights under UOCAVA, including the right to conduct voter registration and voting activities electronically, go to sos.mt.gov/Elections or FVAP.gov.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS CONTACT THE ELECTION OFFICE AT:

Madison County Election Office

Phone: 406-843-4270

Fax: 406-843-5264

Email: clerkandrecorder@madison.mt.gov

