

Returning Absentee Ballots at the Polling Place

Scenario #1: Voter brings their completed absentee ballot to the polling place. Certification is complete.

Process: Election Inspector accepts the completed absentee ballot at the poll book table or another station set up for that purpose.

Scenario #2: Voter brings their completed and sealed absentee ballot to the polling place. Certification is incomplete.

Process: Election Inspector should inform the voter that the absentee ballot certificate is incomplete and outline the voter's options for either completing the certificate envelope or, by not returning the absentee ballot, voting at the polls. A missing voter signature can be corrected by the voter. A missing witness address can be corrected by the voter; however, a missing witness signature must be corrected by the original witness.

Scenario #3: Person A brings Person B's ballot to the polling place. Certification is incomplete.

Process: Election Inspector should inform Person A that Person B's certificate is incomplete and outline the options the voter has for completing the certificate envelope or, by not returning the absentee ballot, voting at the polls. A missing voter signature can be corrected by the voter. A missing witness address can be corrected by the voter; however, a missing witness signature must be corrected by the original witness. Note: Person A can take Person B's ballot from the polling place so the voter can correct the missing information on the envelope.

Scenario #4: Voter brings their unvoted ballot with an incomplete certificate envelope into the polling place. Voter wants to vote at the polls.

Process: Voter can vote at the polls if they do not return their absentee ballot. The voter can destroy or take the ballot with them or ask the inspector to destroy the ballot. Note: the voter does not have to bring the absentee ballot into the polling place with them in order to vote at the polls.

Scenario #5: Voter brings their voted ballot to the polling place. Certificate envelope is not signed. Envelope is not sealed.

Process: Election Inspector should inform the voter that the absentee ballot certificate is incomplete and outline the voter's options for completing the certificate envelope or, by not returning the absentee ballot, voting at the polls. A missing voter signature can be corrected by the voter and the voter can seal the envelope. A missing witness address can be corrected by the voter; however, a missing witness signature must be corrected by the original witness.

Scenario #6: Voter brings their voted ballot to the polling place. Ballot is in a sealed certificate envelope with no signatures or the voter signature only.

Process: Election Inspector should inform the voter that the absentee ballot certificate is incomplete and outline the voter's options for completing the certificate envelope or, by not returning the absentee ballot, voting at the polls. A missing voter signature can be corrected by the voter. A missing witness

address can be corrected by the voter; however, a missing witness signature must be corrected by the original witness.

Scenario #7: Voter brings their voted ballot to the polling place and states they made an error on the ballot.

Process: Voter can elect to not return the absentee ballot and vote at the polls, but cannot be issued another absentee ballot.

Scenario #8: Voter brings their voted ballot to the polling place with no certificate envelope.

Process: Voter cannot return the absentee ballot without the certificate envelope. The voter can elect to not return the ballot and vote at the polls.