

CHAPTER 8210
SECRETARY OF STATE
ABSENTEE BALLOTS

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8210.0300 BALLOT ENVELOPE.

The ballot envelope shall be printed in the following manner.

The envelope shall be buff in color with black ink. The envelope shall be of a size to fit inside the absentee ballot return envelope. The words "Ballot Envelope" shall be printed on the front of the envelope.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 203B.08; 203B.09*

History: *8 SR 1348*

8210.0600 ABSENT VOTER'S CERTIFICATE.

Subpart 1. **Form.** Except as provided in subpart 4, the absent voter's certificate for persons voting under Minnesota Statutes, sections 203B.04 to 203B.15 must be printed in the form shown in part 8210.9930.

Subp. 2. **First two lines.** The county auditor or municipal clerk may complete the first two lines of an absent voter's certificate before mailing it to the absent voter by printing the name and address of the absent voter.

Subp. 3. **Printing specifications.** The certificate shall be printed on the right-hand three-fourths of the back of the absentee ballot return envelope. The words "ABSENT VOTER'S CERTIFICATE OF" shall be printed in 12-point bold type in capital letters. The remainder of the certificate shall be printed in 11-point medium type.

Subp. 4. **Alternative certificate.** As an alternative a county auditor may print two different versions of the absent voter's certificate. One certificate must be provided to absentee voters not previously registered to vote and must be printed as prescribed in subpart 1. An alternate certificate may be printed in the form shown in part 8210.9935 and must be provided only to absentee voters who are registered to vote at the time of application. The certificate must be printed to the specifications of subpart 3.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 201.221; 203B.08; 203B.09; 204C.35; 204C.361; 204D.11 subd 1; 206.08 subd 1*

History: *8 SR 1348*

8210.0700 ABSENTEE BALLOT RETURN ENVELOPE AS PROVIDED BY MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTIONS 203B.04 TO 203B.15.

Subpart 1. **Form.** The absentee ballot return envelope must be printed in the form shown in part 8210.9940.

Subp 2 **Printing specifications.** The absentee ballot return envelope must be printed according to the following specifications:

- A. The envelope must be 10-3/8 inches by 4-1/2 inches.
- B. A solid rule line 1-1/2 picas wide must be placed 1-1/2 inches from the top of the envelope and another placed two inches from the bottom of the envelope
- C. The words and numbers printed on the left-hand end of the envelope must be in 12-point bold type.
- D. The words "ABSENTEE BALLOT RETURN ENVELOPE" printed across the face of the envelope must be in 18-point bold type in capital letters.
- E. The envelope must be white in color with black ink.
- F. The flap on the right end of the back side of the envelope may be printed as follows:

_____ accepted _____ rejected

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[For text of subps 3 to 8, see M.R. 1983]

Statutory Authority: *MS s 201.221; 203B.08; 203B.09; 204C.35; 204C.361; 204D.11 subd 1; 206.08 subd 1*

History: *8 SR 1348*

8210.0800 ABSENTEE BALLOT RETURN ENVELOPE AS PROVIDED BY MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTIONS 203B.16 AND 203B.17.

Subpart 1. **Form.** The absentee ballot return envelope for military and overseas voters must be printed in the form shown in part 8210.9950.

Subp. 2. **Specifications.** The specifications in items A to I apply to envelopes prepared pursuant to subpart 1.

- A. The envelope may not be more than 11-1/2 inches in length nor less than five inches in length.
- B. The envelope may not be more than 6-1/8 inches in width nor less than 3-1/2 inches in width.
- C. In the upper right-hand corner in a space two inches by one-half inch, a postage symbol and box shall be imprinted:

U.S. Postage Paid
42 USC 1973 dd

D. The words PAR AVION must be printed in 12-point bold type in capital letters one-half inch below the postage box.

E. A solid rule line 1-1/2 picas wide must be placed 1-1/2 inches from the top of the envelope. A second solid rule line 1-1/2 picas wide must be placed one-half inch from the bottom of the first line.

F. In the one-half inch space between the two solid rule lines must be printed the words "OFFICIAL ELECTION BALLOTING MATERIAL-VIA AIR MAIL" in 18-point bold type in capital letters.

G. The envelope must be white in color with Pantone 193 U red ink used for all printing.

H. County auditors or municipal clerks must address the return envelope as provided in part 8210.0700, subpart 3.

I. Facing identification marks (FIM) must be positioned as specified in United States postal service instructions for facing identification marks.

Subp. 3. **Affidavit of eligibility.** On the back of the absentee return envelope provided for in Minnesota Statutes, section 203B.21, an affidavit of eligibility must be printed on the right-hand three-fourths of the envelope in the form shown in part 8210.9955.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 201.221; 203B.09; 204C.35; 204C.361; 204D.11 subd 1; 206.08 subd 1*

History: 8 SR 1348

8210.1000 EXPERIMENTAL FORMS.

The secretary of state may provide for the experimental use of alternate forms on a trial basis.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 201.221; 203B.08; 203B.09; 204C.35; 204C.361; 204D.11 subd 1; 206.08 subd 1*

History: 8 SR 1348

8210.2200 DUTIES OF COUNTY AUDITOR OR MUNICIPAL CLERK UPON RECEIPT OF ABSENTEE BALLOT RETURN ENVELOPE.

Subpart 1. **Personal delivery.** Absentee ballot return envelopes that are delivered in person by an absent voter or an agent must be received by the county auditor or municipal clerk by 7:00 p.m. on the day before election day.

[For text of subps 2 and 3, see M.R. 1983]

Statutory Authority: *MS s 201.221; 203B.08; 203B.09; 204C.35; 204C.361; 204D.11 subd 1; 206.08 subd 1*

History: 8 SR 1348

8210.9930 ABSENT VOTER'S CERTIFICATE, SPECIFIED BY PART 8210.0600, SUBPART 1.

ABSENT VOTER'S CERTIFICATE OF

(legal name of absent voter)
(print or type)

(legal address of absent voter)
(print or type)

I swear that on election day I will meet the requirements provided by law to vote by absentee ballot.

(legal signature of voter)

I hereby certify that the above named voter exhibited the enclosed ballots to me unmarked; that in my presence and in a manner that I could not see, the voter marked the ballots and enclosed and sealed them in the ballot envelope; that if the above-named voter registered to vote by enclosing a voter registration card in the Absentee Ballot Return Envelope, then proof of residence was provided as indicated below.

(date)

(legal signature of witness)

(print or type name of witness)

(official title if witness is an official)

(legal address if witness is an eligible voter)

FOR REGISTRATION ONLY - Indicate method used by voter to prove residence.

Method used by voter to prove residence:

Driver's License _____
or Permit or (number) _____
Receipt _____
Minn. ID Card or _____
Receipt (number) _____
same precinct _____

Notice of Ineffective
Registration _____

Student ID _____
(number)

(legal signature of registered voter in the precinct who attested to residence in the precinct)

(legal address of registered voter in the precinct who attested to residence in the precinct)

Statutory Authority: *MS s 201.221; 203B.08; 203B.09; 204C.35; 204C.361; 204D.11 subd 1; 206.08 subd 1*

History: *8 SR 1348*

8210.9935 ALTERNATIVE ABSENT VOTER'S CERTIFICATE, SPECIFIED BY PART 8210.0600, SUBPART 4.

**ABSENTEE VOTER'S CERTIFICATE
OF**

(print or type legal name of voter)

(print or type legal address of voter)

I swear that on election day I will meet the requirements provided by law to vote by absentee ballot.

(legal signature of voter)

I hereby certify that the above named voter exhibited the enclosed ballots to me unmarked; that in my presence and in a manner that I could not see, marked the ballots and enclosed and sealed them in the ballot envelope.

(date)

(legal signature of witness)

(print or type name of witness)

(official title if witness is an official)

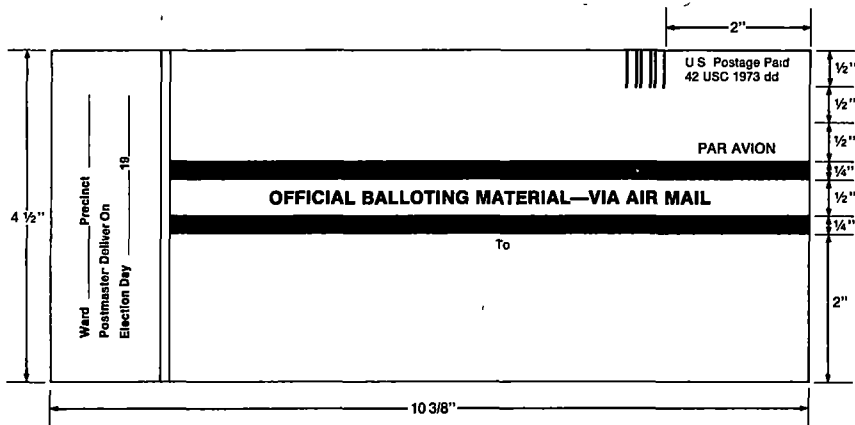
(legal address if witness is an eligible voter.)

Statutory Authority: *MS s 201.221; 203B.08; 203B.09; 204C.35; 204C.361;*

204D.11 subd 1; 206.08 subd 1

History: 8 SR 1348

8210.9950 ABSENTEE BALLOT RETURN ENVELOPE, SPECIFIED BY PART 8210.0800, SUBPART 1.



Statutory Authority: MS s 201.221; 203B.09; 204C.35; 204C.361; 204D.11 subd 1; 206.08 subd 1

History: 8 SR 1348

8210.9955 BACK OF ABSENTEE RETURN ENVELOPE, SPECIFIED IN PART 8210.0800, SUBPART 3.

ABSENT VOTER'S CERTIFICATE

I, _____, do solemnly swear that my
 (please print or type)
 present address (or last address) in the State of Minnesota
 is at _____ in the City or Town of
 (please print or type)
 _____, County of _____
 (please print or type) (print or type)

I am qualified to vote the enclosed ballot(s) as (check category that applies) ___a member of the Armed Forces; ___a spouse or dependent of a member of the Armed Forces; ___a citizen of the United States temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States; ___a citizen of the United States permanently residing outside the territorial limits of the United States. I have not cast and will not cast any other ballot in this election. I personally marked the enclosed ballot(s) without exhibiting it to any other person, or which, in case of my physical disability, was marked for me under my personal direction.

 (Legal signature of Voter)

Subscribed and sworn to me this ___ day of _____, 19__

 (Signature of Witness)

 (Give title or office of witness)

authorized to administer oaths.
If an officer of the Armed Forces,
a commissioned or noncommissioned
officer not below the rank of
sergeant or its equivalent.)

Statutory Authority: *MS s 201.221; 203B.09; 204C.35; 204C.361; 204D 11
subd 1, 206 08 subd 1*

History: *8 SR 1348*