

8210.0710 FORMAT AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT RETURN ENVELOPES.

Subpart 1. **Sample envelope layout.** The secretary of state shall provide samples of the layout of the front and the back of the envelope.

Subp. 2. **Form.** Absentee ballot return envelopes must be printed according to the following specifications:

A. Envelopes prepared with the certificates prepared according to part 8210.0600 must be white in color with black ink. Envelopes with certificates prepared according to part 8210.0800 must be white in color with Pantone 194 U red ink or darker used for all printing.

B. The following must be printed at the bottom of the envelope on the same side as the voter's certificate:

For Official Use Only

Accepted Rejected (reason:) _____

Subp. 3. **Envelope labeling.** The envelopes with the form printed according to part 8210.0600, subpart 1a, must have the words "Signature Envelope - Registered" printed in no smaller than 8-point type. The envelopes with the form printed according to part 8210.0600, subpart 1b, must have the words "Signature Envelope - Nonregistered" printed in no smaller than 8-point type. The envelopes printed with the form printed according to part 8210.0800 must have the words "Signature Envelope - UOCAVA" printed in no smaller than 8-point type.

Subp. 4. **Additional instructions for registered and military and overseas voters.** The following words must be printed above the voter's certificate for envelopes with the form prepared under parts 8210.0600, subpart 1a, and 8210.0800:

"Put the Ballot Envelope
in here, then seal flap"

The words may appear on the reverse side of the envelope.

Subp. 5. **Additional instructions for nonregistered voters.** The following words must be printed above the voter's certificate for envelopes with the form prepared under part 8210.0600, subpart 1b:

"Put the Ballot Envelope and the
Voter Registration Application
in here, then seal flap"

The words may appear on the reverse side of the envelope.

Subp. 6. **Checklist for registered voters.** Envelopes with the form printed according to part 8210.0600, subpart 1a, must have the following words printed on the exterior of the return envelope:

"Have you . . .

- Sealed your ballot in the tan ballot envelope?
- Put the ballot envelope in the white signature envelope?
- Filled out the white signature envelope completely and signed it?
- Asked your witness to complete their section and sign their name?
- Put the white signature envelope into this envelope?

Return your ballot so it is received by Election Day."

Subp. 7. **Checklist for nonregistered voters.** Envelopes with the form printed according to part 8210.0600, subpart 1b, must have the following words printed on the exterior of the return envelope:

"Have you . . .

- Sealed your ballot in the tan ballot envelope?
- Put the ballot envelope and your voter registration application in the white signature envelope?
- Filled out the white signature envelope completely and signed it?
- Asked your witness to complete their section and sign their name?
- Put the white signature envelope into this envelope?

Return your ballot so it is received by Election Day."

Subp. 8. **Checklist for military and overseas voters.** Envelopes with the form printed according to part 8210.0800 must have the following words on the exterior of the return envelope:

"Have you . . .

- Sealed your ballot in the tan ballot envelope?
- Put the ballot envelope in the white signature envelope?
- Filled out the white signature envelope completely and signed it?
- Put the white signature envelope into this envelope?

Return your ballot so it is received by Election Day."

Statutory Authority: *MS s 201.022; 201.061; 201.071; 201.091; 201.121; 201.221; 203B.04; 203B.08; 203B.09; 203B.125; 204B.071; 204B.14; 204B.25; 204B.45; 204D.08; 204D.11; 205.17; 205A.08; 206.57; 206.61; 206.81; 206.82; 206.84; 207A.11*

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