

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

## November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Federal General Election

### ITEMS ENCLOSED:

- Ballot(s)
- Secrecy Envelope for Voted Ballot(s)
- Return Envelope with Affirmation to be completed & signed
- Elector ID Form (IE included – see separate instructions)

**1. To Vote – fill in the oval for each race completely using black or blue ink.** Do not use a marker or felt tip pen or red ink. Vote both sides and all pages of ballot(s) as applicable.

- 2. Review your ballot.** Before you place your ballot into the secrecy envelope, double check your votes.
- **Do not** make an x or a check mark.
  - **Do not** cross out, erase or use correction fluid.
  - If your ballot is destroyed, spoiled, lost or not received or if you make a mistake or change your mind before your ballot is turned in, you may request a replacement ballot from the election office.
  - Some races allow votes for more than one person. Make sure you do not mark more votes than allowed for each race. You may choose to vote for fewer, or you can skip any race.
  - If a ballot contains too many votes in one race, votes for that race will not be counted. Other races will still be counted.

**SAMPLE**  
**For United States Representative**  
**(Vote for One)**

○	John Doe
●	Thomas Jefferson
●	Jane Q. Public

*Void Overvote*

- To write in a candidate's name, blacken the oval to the left of the line provided and write in the name in the blank space.

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●	_____ <i>John Doe</i> _____
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**3. Place voted ballot in the SECRECY ENVELOPE and seal it.**

**4. SIGN the voter affirmation on the back of the Return Envelope. The affirmation must be signed for the ballot to be counted!**

**5. Place the Secrecy Envelope into the Return Envelope.**

**6. Seal the signed Return Envelope.**

**Return ballot by mailing to or dropping off at:**  
YELLOWSTONE COUNTY ELECTION OFFICE  
217 N 27<sup>TH</sup> ST ROOM 101  
BILLINGS, MT 59101

**Ballots must be received at the election office by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, November 4, 2014.**



**DO NOT FORGET POSTAGE:**  
*Estimated 49 cents postage required if mailing ballot*

### Voter Assist Terminal

An AutoMARK will be available at each polling location and at the election office on Election Day, until 8 p.m.



AutoMARKs are designed for voting by individuals with visual and mobility impairments.

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

**MVP**  
**My Voter Page**  
Find your polling place  
Track absentee ballot  
View a sample ballot

If you are an active-duty absent military voter or overseas citizen, registration and voting activities can be done electronically. See [sos.mt.gov/Elections](http://sos.mt.gov/Elections).



**FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT THE ELECTIONS OFFICE AT:**

Yellowstone County Election Office  
Phone: 406-256-2740  
Fax: 406-254-7940  
Email: [spatton@co.yellowstone.mt.gov](mailto:spatton@co.yellowstone.mt.gov)

