

Ohio Revised Code

Section 3511.05 Identification envelope format and return.

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(A) The director of the board of elections shall place uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots sent by mail in an unsealed identification envelope, gummed ready for sealing. The director shall include with uniformed services or overseas absent voter's ballots sent electronically, including by facsimile machine, an instruction sheet for preparing a gummed envelope in which the ballots shall be returned. The envelope for returning ballots sent by either means shall have printed or written on its face a form substantially as follows: "Identification Envelope Statement of Voter ____(Name of voter), declare under penalty of election falsification that the within ballot or ballots contained no voting marks of any kind when I received them, and I caused the ballot or ballots to be marked, enclosed in the identification envelope, and sealed in that envelope. My voting residence in Ohio is (Street and Number, if any, or Rural Route and Number) of _____ (City, Village, or Township) Ohio, which is in Ward Precinct ______ in that city, village, or township. If I have a confidential voter registration record, I am providing my program participant identification number instead of my residence address:

The primary election ballots, if any, within this envelope are primary election ballots of the



Ballots contained within this envelope are	e to be voted at the	(general, special, or
primary) election to be held on the,		day of
My date of birth is (Me	onth and Day),	(Year).
(Voter must provide one of the following:		
My driver's license number is	(Driver's licer	ase number).
The last four digits of my Social Security Security Number).	Number are	(Last four digits of Social
In lieu of providing a driver's licer Number, I am enclosing a copy of one of identification envelope will be mailed: a cidentification, or a current utility bill, bank government document, other than a notice shows my name and address.	the following in the recurrent and valid photok statement, government	eturn envelope in which this o identification, a military ent check, paycheck, or other
I hereby declare, under penalty of election believe.	n falsification, that the	statements above are true, as I verily
(Signature of Voter)		
WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FAI	LSIFICATION IS GU	JILTY OF A FELONY OF THE
FIFTH DEGREE."		

(B) The director shall also mail with the ballots and the unsealed identification envelope sent by mail an unsealed return envelope, gummed, ready for sealing, for use by the voter in returning the voter's



marked ballots to the director. The director shall send with the ballots and the instruction sheet for preparing a gummed envelope sent electronically, including by facsimile machine, an instruction sheet for preparing a second gummed envelope as described in this division, for use by the voter in returning that voter's marked ballots to the director. The return envelope shall have two parallel lines, each one quarter of an inch in width, printed across its face paralleling the top, with an intervening space of one quarter of an inch between such lines. The top line shall be one and one-quarter inches from the top of the envelope. Between the parallel lines shall be printed: "OFFICIAL ELECTION UNIFORMED SERVICES OR OVERSEAS ABSENT VOTER'S BALLOTS -- VIA AIR MAIL." Three blank lines shall be printed in the upper left corner on the face of the envelope for the use by the voter in placing the voter's complete military, naval, or mailing address on these lines, and beneath these lines there shall be printed a box beside the words "check if out-of-country." The voter shall check this box if the voter will be outside the United States on the day of the election. The official title and the post-office address of the director to whom the envelope shall be returned shall be printed on the face of such envelope in the lower right portion below the bottom parallel line.

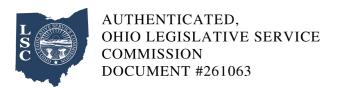
(C) On the back of each identification envelope and each return envelope shall be printed the following:

"Instructions to voter:

If the flap on this envelope is so firmly stuck to the back of the envelope when received by you as to require forcible opening in order to use it, open the envelope in the manner least injurious to it, and, after marking your ballots and enclosing same in the envelope for mailing them to the director of the board of elections, reclose the envelope in the most practicable way, by sealing or otherwise, and sign the blank form printed below.

The flap on this envelope was firmly stuck to the back of the envelope when received, and required forced opening before sealing and mailing.

(Signature of voter)"



- (D) Division (C) of this section does not apply when absent voter's ballots are sent electronically, including by facsimile machine.
- (E) Except as otherwise provided in this division and in sections 3505.24 and 3509.08 of the Revised Code, an election official shall not fill out any portion of an identification envelope statement of voter or an absent voter's ballot on behalf of an elector. A board of elections may preprint only an elector's name and address on an identification envelope statement of voter before mailing or electronically transmitting absent voter's ballots to the elector, except that if the elector has a confidential voter registration record, as described in section 111.44 of the Revised Code, the board of elections shall not preprint the elector's address on the identification envelope statement of voter.