Absentee Ballots

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Absentee Applications
Managing Absentee Ballots
In-Person
By Mail
Travel Board
Absentee Applications

Direct Mail Disclaimer
- Primary By Mail
  - 11:59 p.m. April 23
- Travel Board
  - Noon May 4

Submission of Application
- General By Mail
  - 11:59 Oct. 22
- Travel Board
  - Noon Nov. 2
Submitting Applications

Directly to county election board or Indiana Election Division

Third parties must submit the application within 10 days or by the deadline, whichever is sooner (ABS -17)

ABS boards can be on the ballot, but must be segregated from managing ballots in precinct where their name appears
Direct Mail Disclaimer
(for absentee mail)

More than 100 pieces of mail, must include a disclaimer.
Name
Address
12 point font
Color contrast
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ABS Voter Boards
- Two people appointed by D and R chair
- Can't be on the ballot or related to a candidate

Deadline
- CEB must notify chairs 50 days before election
  - March 16 and September 14
- Chairs must provide names 46 days before the election.
  - By noon March 20 and September 18
Applications must be reviewed by the ABS Board or County Election Board

- Applicant must be registered to vote in the precinct
- Information on application appears true
- Signature on application substantially conforms
  - Two signature reviews
Disagreement

By Mail - Application goes to county election board
In-Person - Vote a provisional ballot
Denial

- No notice requirement for domestic voters
- Military and overseas voters must send notice within 48 hours (ABS -14)
Ballot Initialing

- Optical scan or paper ballots - bi-partisan set of initials always required.
- DRE - No clerk's seal, signature or initialing is required to be on the ballot screen
Storing Absentee Ballots

- Place all accepted ballots in a large envelope
- Organize by precinct
- Store in a container with bi-partisan locks
- Store with ABS app attached
Replacement Ballot

Yes
- Doesn't arrive in a reasonable time
- Lost
- Damaged
- Defective

No
- Wants to change party
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In-Person Absentee Voting

Dates
2 Saturdays

Locations
Clerk's office & Vote Center used on Election Day

Signing-in

The End
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Preparing Absentee Ballot Mailings

Work with your USPS Mail Analyst
Include ABS Voter Bill of Rights and MOVE info sheet
Deadlines for Mailing Absentee Ballots

Absolute deadline 45 days before the election or not later than 5 days after receiving ABS Ballots.
Mail ballots using ABS-8 and include an ABS-6 return envelope

Voter must seal and sign envelope
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Who is Eligible

- Ill or injured voters
- Caretakers
- Voters with a disability
- Voters who can't mark their own ballot
Travel Board Dates

Primary
April 16 - May 4

General
October 15 - November 2
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