Step 1: REQUEST

YOU REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT.
On a paper application form that includes your signature, which you mail to your county elections office. Your County Elections Office must receive your paper application no later than 11 days prior to Election Day in order for it to be accepted.

Step 2: VERIFICATION

ELECTION OFFICIALS REVIEW THE INFORMATION ON THE OUTER ENVELOPE AND COMPARE THE INFORMATION TO YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS.

Does the information match?
- YES. APPLICATION ACCEPTED! Proceed to Step 3.
- NO. APPLICATION REJECTED

Step 3: MAIL

YOUR BALLOT IS MAILLED TO YOU.

Step 4: MARK AND RETURN

YOU FILL OUT YOUR BALLOT, PLACE IT IN A SECRECY ENVELOPE THAT GOES INSIDE AN OUTER ENVELOPE, COMPLETE AND SIGN, THEN SEAL THAT OUTER ENVELOPE, AND RETURN IT.

Step 5: INFORMATION CHECK

ELECTION OFFICIALS REVIEW THE INFORMATION ON THE OUTER ENVELOPE AND COMPARE THE INFORMATION TO YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS.

Does the information match?
- YES. BALLOT ACCEPTED! Proceed to Step 6.
- NO. BALLOT SET ASIDE for curing.
- UNCLEAR.

Step 6: PROCESSING

YOUR BALLOT IS PROCESSED.**

- a. Officials remove the secrecy envelope from the outer envelope and put it with other voters’ secrecy envelopes, preserving your legal right to cast a secret ballot. They keep the outer envelope for their records.
- b. Officials remove your ballot from the secrecy envelope and record your choices.

CONGRATS!!!

YOU’VE EXERCISED YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE!

* Party monitors can observe the process of information verification to make sure it takes place according to procedure. They can get close enough to understand the process, but not so close that your private information is at risk.

** Party monitors can observe the processing of absentee ballots to make sure it takes place according to procedure.