# Be Ready for the Nov 5 Election

Vote by Mail Do's and Don'ts



### DuPage County Vote By Mail (VBM) Checklist

- □ Sign up for Vote by Mail (VBM): Complete online VBM application.
- Election Division begins mailing VBM ballots on Sept 26.
- Complete ballot as soon as possible, place in the postage-paid envelope, seal, date & sign the envelope with the signature you use to vote.
- Return ballot:
  - Mail ballot (must be postmarked by Nov 5) -OR-
  - Place ballot in DuPage County secure drop box by Nov 5 -OR-
  - Take ballot to any Early Voting or Election Day Site
- ☐ Track your Vote By Mail ballot sign up for <a href="dupage.ballottrax.net/voter/">dupage.ballottrax.net/voter/</a>



### Voting Your Vote By Mail Ballot

Follow the Election Division instructions enclosed with your ballot



#### **VOTE YOUR BALLOT**

Instructions for marking the ballot are located on the top of the ballot.

If you spoil or damage your ballot, contact the DuPage County Clerk Election Division at 630-407-5600 for instructions to obtain another ballot.

Write-in candidates may be voted by using the blank line immediately following the last printed candidate name for the chosen office.



#### **FOLD YOUR BALLOT**

Remove the perforated stub from the top of your ballot.

Fold your ballot in the same manner it was received, insert and seal it in the certification/return ballot envelope.



#### SIGN YOUR BALLOT ENVELOPE



### You must sign and date the return ballot envelope!

The election judges will reject your ballot if the certification/return ballot envelope is not signed. Your signature will be compared with your voter registration signature.

You should only complete the affidavit of delivery on the certification/return ballot envelope flap if/when your ballot is being hand delivered (by someone other than the United States Postal Service) to the DuPage County Clerk Election Division Office before election day or to a polling location



#### MAIL YOUR BALLOT ENVELOPE

Mail the signed certification/return ballot envelope as soon as possible.

If your ballot is returned to you by the post office, please line out your address and deposit in a mail receptacle.

Your vote by mail ballot must be postmarked no later than election day.



#### **BALLOT DROP OFF**

You may also drop off your voted ballot at the DuPage County Clerk Election Division office, at drop boxes located at the parking lot and main entrance of the Jack T. Knuepfer Administration Building, 421 County Farm Road, Wheaton, or at a DuPage County polling site.

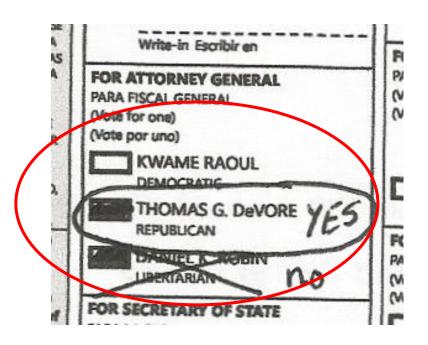


## Do's & Don'ts of Marking Your VBM Ballot

- Mark your ballot by filling in completely the rectangle box by your desired candidate using a black pen.
- DO NOT USE PENCIL or COLORED INKS.
- Avoid stray marks.
- Neatness counts! SAMPLE BALLOT

DU PAGE COUNTY GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT November 8, 2022 CONDADO DE DU PAGE BOLETA DE LA ELECCIÓN GENERAL 8 DE NOVIEMBRE, 2022 **BLOOMINGDALE 059-0155** JUDGE'S INITIALS: LEGISLATIVE LEGISLATIVO your choice. To cast a write-in vote darken the box to the LEFT of the blank FOR STATE SENATOR space provided and write the candidate's 24TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT Jean Kaczmarek - DuPage County Clerk PARA SENADOR ESTATAL 24TO, DISTRITO LEGISLATIVO FEDERAL instruction posted in the voting booth, if (Vote for one) FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR you tear, spoil, defece or erroneously (Vote por uno) PARA SENADOR DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS mark this ballot, return it to the election LAUREN "LAURIE" NOWAK judge and obtain another. (Vote for one) DEMOCRATIC Para votar, oscurezca de esta manera la caja (Vote por uno) que esta al lado IZQUIERDO de su elección. TAMMY DUCKWORTH SETH LEWIS Para emitir un voto por escrito, oscurezca la REPUBLICAN caia que esta al lado IZQUIERDO del espacio en blanco y escriba el nombre del candidato KATHY SALV en ese espacio. Para información específica, REPUBLICAN recurra a la tarjeta de instrucciones que está FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE BILL REDPATH en la casilla de votación. Si usted rompe. LIBERTARIAN daña, desfigura o erróneamente marca la **47TH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT** boleta, regrésela al juez electoral y obtenga PARA REPRESENTANTE EN LA ASAMBLEA Write-in Escribir en STATE OF ILLINOIS 47MO. DISTRITO REPRESENTATIVO **ESTADO DE ILLINOIS** 

If you make a mistake, it is ok – but you MUST correct it so that your desired choice is clearly understood by VBM judges.



## Marking Your VBM Ballot (con't)

### **Multiple Candidates per Office**

- Read carefully.
- Don't confuse the TERM with HOW MANY TO VOTE FOR YOU as seen in this example.
- If you vote for more than the maximum allowed, this will result in an "over vote" and your votes for that office will NOT count

GLENBARD TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 87 DISTRITO 87 DE ESCUELAS SECUNDARIAS DEL MUNICIPIO DE GLENBARD
FOR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
TO SERVE AN UNEXPIRED 2 YEAR TERM PARA MIEMBRO DE LA JUNTA DE EDUCACIÓN
PARA SERVIR EN UN PERIODO DE 2 AÑOS QUE AÚN NO HA
(Vote for one)
(Vote for one)
FOR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SERVE A FULL 4 YEAR TERM
PARA MIEMBRO DE LA JUNTA DE EDUCACIÓN
PARA SERVIR LIN PERIODO COMPLETO DE 4 AÑOS (Vote for three)
(Vote for three) (Vote por tres)



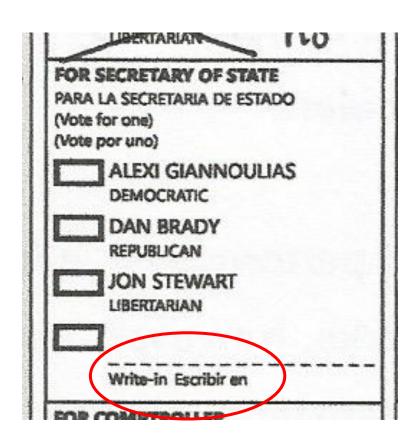
## Marking Your VBM Ballot (con't)

### **Write-in Candidates**

- ONLY use this line if your candidate of choice is not listed.
- If your candidate is listed, DO NOT add their name to the "write-in" line and DO NOT fill in that box.
- By filling in both name and box, this will result in an "over vote" and your vote for this office will NOT count!

#### **Review Ballot**

- Complete both sides of the ballot.
- O Have you made any errors?
- o If errors, have you indicated your correct choice?
- Over votes = no vote correct those errors!!





# Returning Your VBM Ballot: *Completing the Envelope*

#### Vote by Mail Ballot Boleta de Voto por Correo

Voter: Seal ballot in this envelope and complete certification Elector: Sellar la boleta en esta sobre, y completar la certificación

#### **Certification Ballot Envelope**

Sobre de Certificación de Boleta

I state that I am a resident in the township, precinct, address, and city/village as listed, all in the County of DuPage and State of Illinois; that I have lived at said address for 30 days preceding this election; that I am lawfully entitled to vote in such precinct at the election indicated. I further state that I personally marked the enclosed ballot In secret.

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/29-10, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in the certification are true and correct

Yo afrmo ser residente del municipio, del distrito electoral, de la dirección y de la ciudad/ pueblo como indicado, todos pertenecientes al Condado de DuPage y al Estado de Illinois; haber vivido en dicha dirección por 30 días intes de celebrarse esta eleccion; tener plenamente el derecho de votar el dicho distrito electoral en la elección indicada. Yo además afirmo habel marcado personalmente en secreto la boleta adjunta.

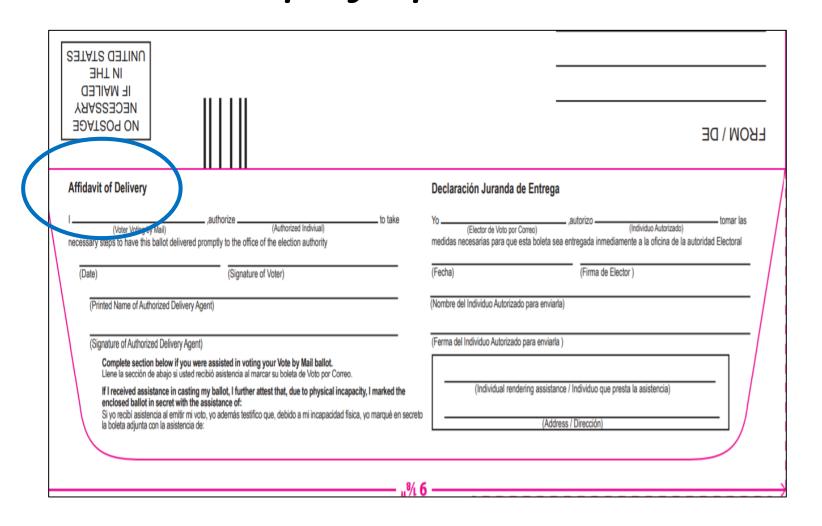
Bajo las penalidades estipuladas por ley conforme a la 10 ILCS 5/20-10, el abajo firmante certifica que las declaraciones expuestas en esta solicitud son verdaderas y correctas.

(Signature of Vote by Mail Voter Required) (Se Requiere la Firma del Elector Votando por Correo)

Date / Fachs

- SIGN and DATE the
   envelope this signature
   MUST match your signature
   on file with the DuPage
   County Clerk's office.
- If they do not match, you will be contacted by the Clerk's office for an opportunity to come in to verify your signature.
- If you do not respond your ballot will be voided and your vote will not count.

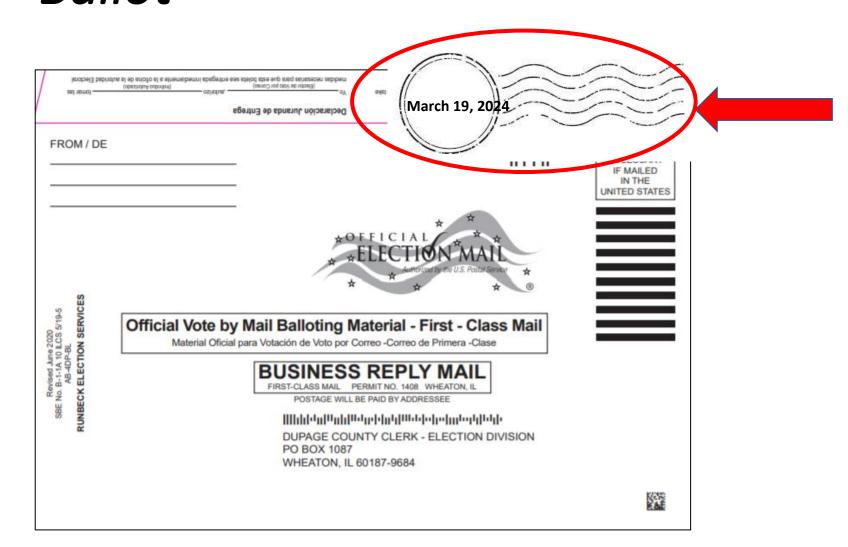
# Returning Your VBM Ballot: When to complete the envelope flap



You only need to complete the affidavit of delivery if your ballot is being hand delivered to the **DuPage County Election Division** Office before election day or to a polling location.



# Returning Your VBM Ballot: If Mailing Your VBM Ballot



### USPS Postmark is IMPORTANT!!!!

- Remember your mailed ballot must be postmarked by Nov 5, 2024.
- If your ballot is delivered to the Clerk's office AFTER Election Day, the envelope MUST have a postmark indicating a date prior or no later than Election Day to be valid.



### Still Have Questions...?





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