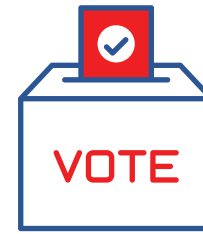


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ABSENTEE BALLOT QUESTIONS?

Here are some of the questions we hear most often!

HOW DO I RETURN MY VOTED ABSENTEE BALLOT?

You can:

- ✓ Return it to your local clerk's office
- ✓ Use the secure drop box designated by your local clerk
- ✓ Mail it back

I RECEIVED AN ABSENTEE BALLOT, BUT I WANT TO PUT IT INTO THE TABULATOR MYSELF. CAN I?

Yes! You can bring your voted ballot to your Early Voting site or your precinct on Election Day, where election inspectors can walk you through the process of placing your own ballot into the tabulator.

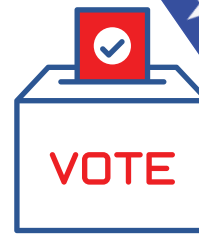
Voters may only complete this process for their own ballot—not someone else's ballot, including an immediate family member's.

I ALREADY RETURNED MY ABSENTEE BALLOT BUT CHANGED MY MIND. CAN I SPOIL IT?

Yes, but there is a deadline. For the November 3, 2026 General Election, voters may request to spoil a submitted absentee ballot until: Friday, October 23, 2026 at 5:00 PM. Contact your local clerk as soon as possible for information about the process.

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I REQUESTED AN ABSENTEE BALLOT, BUT I HAVEN'T RECEIVED IT YET.

You can check your ballot status through the Michigan Voter Information Center:
<https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us/Voter/VoterSearch/>

You can also contact your local clerk for assistance.

HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT YOUR ABSENTEE BALLOT?

Your local clerk is there to help!

YOUR LOCAL CLERK IS YOUR ELECTION RESOURCE!

Not sure what to do? Have a question about your ballot? Wondering about absentee voting?

Berrien County's local clerks are working hard to prepare for the November 3, 2026 General Election and to help voters understand the voting process.

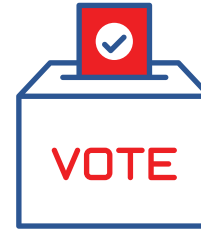
 We want voters to have the information they need to participate confidently and understand how the process works.

 WHEN IN DOUBT, ASK YOUR LOCAL CLERK!

For a Contact List of Local Clerks: [List of Local Clerks \(PDF\)](#)

DID YOU KNOW?

Election Edition Part 2



STRAIGHT, SPLIT & MIXED TICKET VOTING

What do all those terms mean? Let's break it down!

STRAIGHT TICKET

If you select a party in the Straight Party section, your vote will be counted for that party's candidates in the partisan races. You do not have to mark each candidate in the partisan section individually.

SPLIT TICKET

Want to vote for a candidate from a different party in a particular race? No problem! Simply mark the candidate you choose in that race. Your individual selection will be counted for that candidate.

MIXED TICKET

Don't want to use the Straight Party section? That's perfectly fine! Skip it and select your preferred candidate race by race.

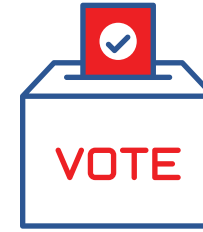
THE BOTTOM LINE:

There are different ways to mark your ballot. Read the instructions on your ballot and make the selections you intend to make.

DON'T FORGET! Be sure to vote in the nonpartisan sections and on proposals, too!

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DO I HAVE TO VOTE EVERY RACE ON MY BALLOT?

NOPE! ✓

You only need to vote in the races you choose. Leaving a race blank does NOT invalidate your ballot.

 REMEMBER: You don't have to vote every race. Take your time, read your ballot carefully, and vote in the races and proposals you choose.

   QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR BALLOT?

Your local clerk is here to help!