

# EARLY VOTING & ABSENTEE BALLOTS

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## THREE TYPES OF NON-ELECTION DAY VOTING

- Mail-out absentee ballots
- In-Person absentee
- Early voting



I.C. 341003, 34-1012

## HOME BOUND AND EMERGENCY VOTING

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- Home bound – time and staff
- Emergency voting – The emergent situation would have had to have happened after 8 p.m. the Friday before the election.



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## ISSUING ABSENTEE BALLOTS

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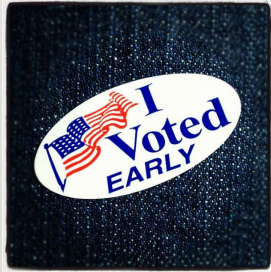
- Issuing mail-out absentee ballots



## ISSUING ABSENTEE BALLOTS CONTINUED

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- Issuing in-person and early voting ballots



## REASONS FOR VOIDING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT

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- Affidavit envelope not signed
- Ballot received after election date
- Ballot spoiled/lost another issued
- Deceased

## REASONS FOR VOIDING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT CONTINUED

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- Deleted via change voter process
- Invalid signature
- Invalid USPS address
- More than 1 ballot marked of any one kind
- Moved out of county

## UOCAVA VOTERS AND 45 DAY MAIL BALLOTS

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- “...Validly requested absentee ballots for candidates for federal office, where the request is received at least forty-five (45) days before an election, shall be sent not later than forty-five (45) days before that election to all electors who are entitled to vote by absentee ballot.”

I.C. 34-1003 (3)

## UOCAVA VOTERS AND 45 DAY MAIL BALLOTS CONTINUED

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- UOCAVA voters can use the FPCA form as a registration and absentee ballot request. If they are not registered, the original form has to be received by registration cutoff. If they are currently registered with no changes in name or physical address, the form can be used as just an absentee ballot request.

## UOCAVA AND 45 DAY MAIL BALLOTS CONTINUED

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- UOCAVA voters can receive ballots by fax, mail or email. However, voted ballots need to be mailed back. If they are returning a faxed or emailed ballot, it will need to be sent to the duplication board on Election Day for tabulation.



## UOCAVA EMAILED BALLOTS

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- Emailed ballots still need to be accounted for.



## ABSENTEE BALLOTS AT THE POLLS

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- Accepting absentee ballots at the polls



I.C. 34-1007

## MAIL BALLOTS AND THE USPS

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- Envelope size
- Address mysteries
- Postmaster

## DAILY ACCOUNTING FOR ISSUED AND RECEIVED BALLOTS MAIL-OUT ABSENTEES

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- You should be doing some kind of daily accounting for issued and received mail-out absentee ballots.



## OPENING MAIL-OUT ABSENTEES

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- Central count counties are able to open returned mail-out absentees before the election to allow time for flattening for tabulation.

S.O.S. Directive No. 2012-1, dated May 7, 2012

## BALLOT ON DEMAND

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- The Ballot on Demand program was designed by Computer Arts and is available through the Secretary of State.



## BALLOT SECURITY

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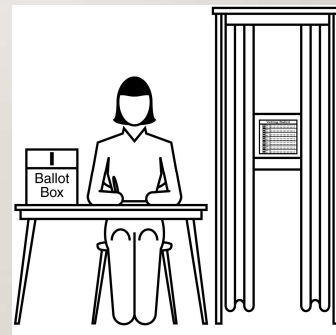
- The legislature changed ballot security in July. We are now able to do an annual ballot security plan.

I.C. 34-1013 (1)

## EARLY VOTING STAFFING AND TIME OPEN

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- Odd years versus even years



## DAILY ACCOUNTING IN EARLY VOTING

DAILY COUNT SHEET FOR:		November 6, 2018 ELECTION							A-B-C-D+E=F	
DATE	DS200 START #/DS200 END #	A	B	C	D	E	F	G		INITIAL
		TOTAL FROM BOD REPORT	MAIL OUT ABSENTEE BALLOTS PRINTED	BALLOTS IN ERROR LOG	SPOILED BALLOTS	EXPRESS VOTE BALLOTS ISSUED	DAILY TOTAL - ISVRS REPORT MINUS SPOILED	SIGNATURES IN POLL BOOK	DO COLUMNS "F" AND "G" MATCH?	
EXAMPLE		37	5	2	2	3	31	31	YES	VV
10/15/2018	0/324	428	101	1	2	0	324	324	YES	VV
10/16/2018	324/434-0/177	344	53	0	4	0	287	287	yes	VV
10/30/2018	1308/1430-1890/2109	340	1	0	1	3	341	341	yes	VV
10/31/2018	1430/1576-2109/2357	395	0	0	2	1	394	394	yes	VV
11/1/2018	1576/1742-2357/2666	477	0	1	4	3	475	475	yes	VV
11/2/2018	1742/2076-2666/2893	562	0	0	2	1	561	561	yes	VV

- We have come up with a spreadsheet with formulas that helps us balance at the end of each day.

## QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

