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Notice and Cure Procedures Mail/Absentee Ballot-Return Envelopes Nov. 5, 2024 General Election

When a Ballot Return Envelope arrives with one or more of the following fatal flaws/defects:

1. The voter did not use a proper Ballot Return Envelope with the declaration. Examples: the voter used the outbound mailing envelope that lacks a declaration; or, the voter used some other return envelope without a declaration; or, the voter used the secrecy envelope alone.
 2. The Ballot Return Envelope arrived unsealed.
 3. The Ballot Return Envelope arrived empty.
 4. The Ballot Return Envelope (and/or its ballot contents, to the extent this can be detected without opening the outer envelope) arrived materially damaged, which exposed the voter's selections.
 5. The Ballot Return Envelope voter declaration is unsigned by the voter (and unsigned by other signatory in the second signature box for voters who could not sign on their own).
 6. The Ballot Return Envelope is signed by the wrong voter (including a household mix-up where it appears two voters in the same household used each other's Ballot Return Envelopes – ie John Smith signed Joan Smith's envelope, and Joan Smith signed John Smith's envelope).
 7. The voter returned a naked ballot without using the Official Ballot Envelope (secrecy envelope) to the extent this can be determined without opening the Ballot Return Envelope.
 8. The ballot envelope is undated.
 9. The ballot envelope has an "improper" date, which is defined as follows:
 - a. For Absentee (BLL) envelopes, dated Sept. 28 or earlier – or dated Nov. 6 or later.
 - b. For Mail-In (MBLL) envelopes, dated Sept. 28 or earlier – or dated Nov. 6 or later.
 - c. **SEE CHARTS OF DATES AND EXCEPTIONS FOR "MILITARY" or "EUROPEAN" STYLE DATES ON NEXT PAGE.**
- The original mail/absentee ballot will be Canceled in SURE and a new correspondence code will be generated for a replacement outbound and ballot-return envelope, both of which will be marked with the word "REPLACEMENT."
 - Through Oct. 31, Election staff shall notify a voter via email and/or phone and send a replacement mail/absentee ballot to the voter with a letter that explains that this replacement is being issued because the voter's original Ballot Return Envelope cannot

be processed due to one or more of the list of fatal flaws. The voter's original mail/absentee Ballot Return Envelope shall be stored (un-opened) by Election staff.

- For envelopes that arrive and are determined to have one or more of the "fatal flaws" listed above **on or after Nov. 1, 2024**, Election staff shall attempt to notify voters through email or phone call, if that information is available, of the option to obtain a new ballot at the Voter Service Center and/or the option to cast a provisional ballot at the precinct on Election Day.

CIVILIAN BLL & MBLL VALID DATES 09/29/2024 thru 11/05/2024

**Process the following as military/European-style
[date/month].**

29/9	7/10	16/10	24/10	1/11
30/9	8/10	17/10	25/10	2/11
1/10	9/10	18/10	26/10	3/11
2/10	11/10	19/10	27/10	4/11
3/10	12/10	20/10	28/10	5/11
4/10	13/10	21/10	29/10	
5/10	14/10	22/10	30/10	
6/10	15/10	23/10	31/10	

**Any envelopes that list the year as 2023 or earlier,
or that list the year as 2025 or later must be set aside.**