

# STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

## Instructions for Absentee Voters



or

### PRIMARY ELECTION GENERAL ELECTION

#### **HOW TO MARK YOUR BALLOT:**

**To Vote:** Completely fill in the oval to the right of your choice. For each office vote for not more than the number of candidates stated in the sentence: "Vote for not more than \_\_\_\_." If you vote for more than the stated number of candidates, your vote for that office will not be counted.

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**To Vote by Write-In :** To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write in the name of the person in the "write-in" space. Completely fill in the oval to the right of your choice.

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To vote on a question on the ballot, completely fill in the oval opposite either YES or NO indicating your choice on that question.

#### **PROCEDURE AFTER MARKING YOUR BALLOT:**

In accordance with RSA 657:17, after marking the ballot, the voter or the person assisting a blind voter shall enclose and seal the same in an inner envelope. The voter shall execute the affidavit. The voter or the person assisting the blind voter shall enclose and seal the inner envelope with the affidavit in an outer envelope. The voter shall then endorse on the outer envelope his or her name, address, and voting place and shall mail the envelope, affixing postage, or personally deliver it or have it delivered by the voter's spouse, parent, sibling, or child to the city or town clerk from whom it was sent. The city or town clerk, or ward clerk on election day at the polls, shall not accept an absentee ballot from a family member unless the family member completes a form provided by the secretary of state, which shall be maintained by the city or town clerk, and the family member presents a government-issued photo identification or has his or her identity verified by the city or town clerk. Absentee ballots delivered through the mail or by the voter's spouse, parent, sibling, or child shall be received by the town, city, or ward clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the election.

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**Note: DO NOT** leave your ballot in a box, on a desk, in a drop-off box or slipped through the clerk's window or door. If you are returning your absentee registration information **DO NOT** place it in the affidavit envelope. Place it in the outer envelope.

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