

## ABSENTEE BALLOT AUTHORIZATION FORM

I \_\_\_\_\_ (absentee voter)  
authorize \_\_\_\_\_ to take my ballot to the  
office of the Election Authority (County Clerk).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Voter

\_\_\_\_\_  
Hour

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Authorized Individual

\_\_\_\_\_  
Hour

\_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship (Must be one of the below):  
Circle one: Spouse, Parent, Child,  
Brother, Sister

**INSTRUCTIONS TO ABSENTEE VOTERS (OPTICAL SCAN) 10 ILCS 5/19-5, 20-5**  
Please follow all instructions carefully!

**IN A PRIMARY ELECTION:** You may vote for no more than the number to be nominated or elected.

**IN A GENERAL AND CONSOLIDATED ELECTIONS:** You may vote for no more than the number to be elected. Please refer to any Constitutional Amendment, Judicial Retention(s) or proposition(s) on the Ballot Sheet.

**OBSERVE** the Absentee Voter's Ballot Secrecy Envelope containing the Ballot Sheet. Note how the Absentee Voter's Ballot Secrecy Envelope and the Ballot Sheet have been assembled, so that you may properly re-assemble them after voting.

**READ** the **BALLOT** carefully noting the offices, the candidates' names, the number to be elected and propositions.

**MARK** the **BALLOT** in this manner:

- 1) Select the candidate(s) of your choice.
- 2) On the left opposite the name of each candidate is an oval.
- 3) Using a black ink pen or felt-tip marker, completely darken the oval corresponding to the candidates of your choice and the propositions (if any) of your choice.
- 4) Any mark placed upon a ballot anywhere (including the designated voting area) which serves to identify and therefore distinguish it from other ballots shall not be counted. A letter of the alphabet, an "X", a check mark or other symbol are examples of an identifying mark.
- 5) You cannot erase or cross out. If you spoil your ballot, return it to the Election Authority and request a new ballot.

**WRITE-IN CANDIDATES** may be voted for by using the space provided as follows:

- 1) Locate the blank line immediately following the last printed candidate name for the chosen office.
- 2) Write or print the name of your candidate on the blank line.
- 3) Completely darken the oval corresponding to the left of the name you have written in, using a black ink pen or felt-tip marker. Write-in votes will be counted only for candidates who file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate.

**AFTER YOU FINISH VOTING**, please complete and sign the **CERTIFICATION ENVELOPE**, then insert your ballot sheet which has been enclosed and sealed in the Absentee Voter's Ballot Secrecy Envelope. The ballot sheet will remain in the Absentee Voter's Ballot Secrecy Envelope to be initialed and counted on Election day.

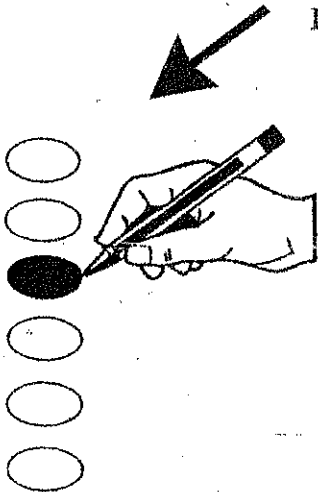
**MAIL IMMEDIATELY** in the Return Envelope the following items:

**THE BALLOT SHEET** inserted and sealed in the Absentee Voter's Ballot Secrecy Envelope, and then into the **CERTIFICATION ENVELOPE** and sealed.

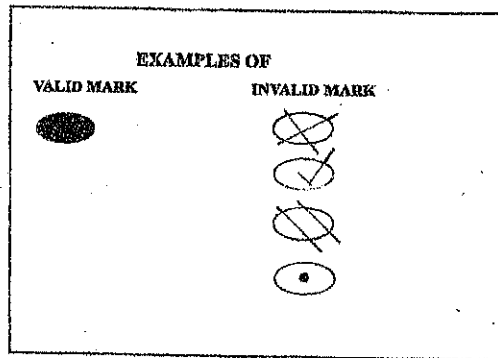
**BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE BEFORE THE POLLS CLOSE ON ELECTION DAY TO BE COUNTED. YOU MUST RETURN ALL BALLOTS, VOTED OR NOT VOTED. IF YOU SPOIL YOUR BALLOT SHEET IN ANY MANNER, you may return the entire ballot supplies, etc... to the County Clerk's office and request a new Ballot Sheet.**

**ABSENTEE VOTING INSTRUCTIONS**

**TO VOTE:  
DARKEN THE OVAL**

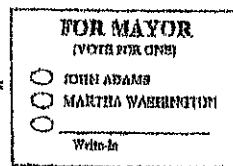


1. Carefully read how many candidates you may vote for.
2. USE ONLY A BLACK INK PEN OR BLACK FELT TIP MARKER.
3. If ballot is two sided, be sure to vote both sides.



**How To Cast A Write-In Vote**

1. On your ballot, find the office for which the candidate is running



2. Print the candidate's name on the Write-In line for that office



3. Fill in the oval next to the candidate's name

