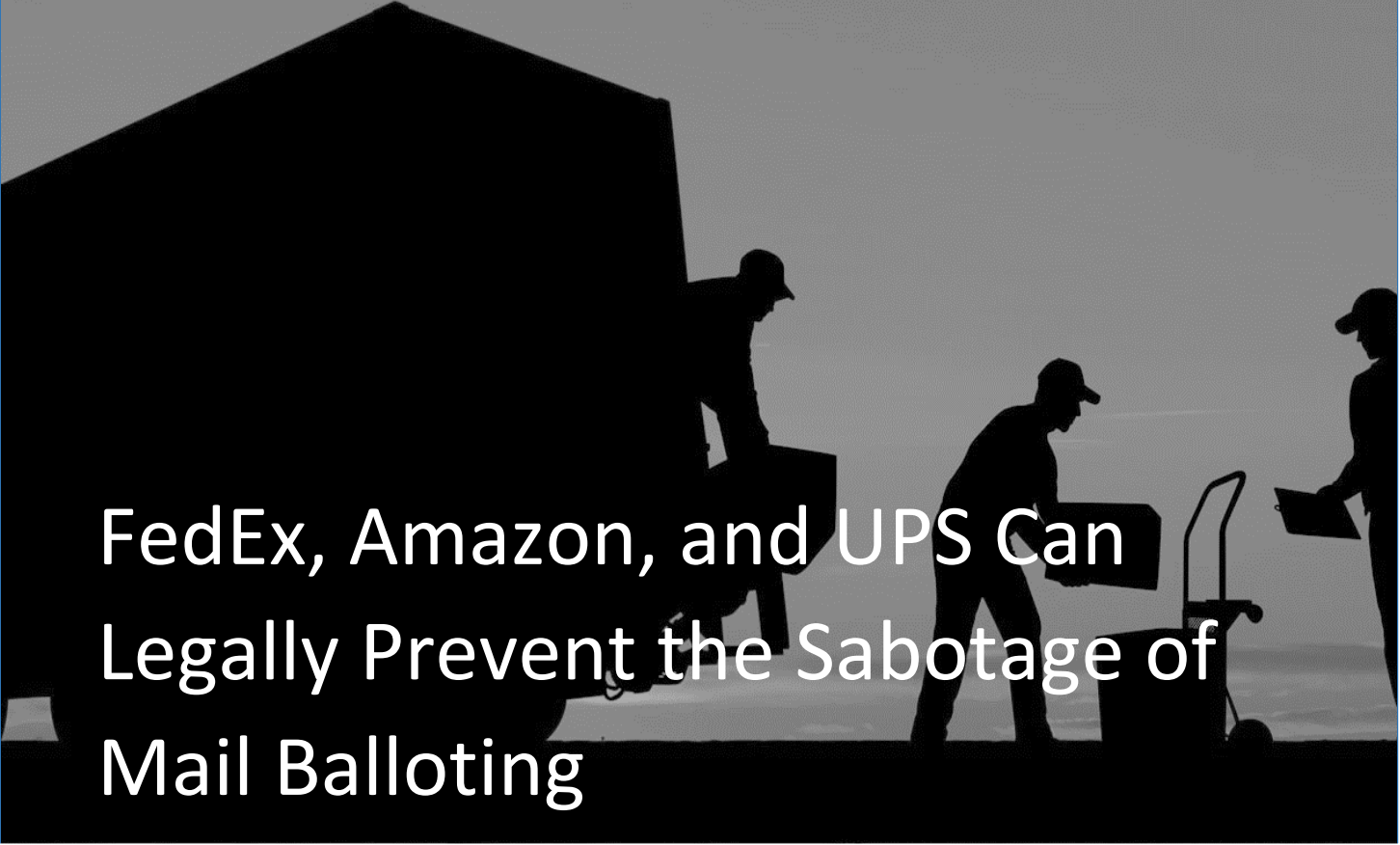


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Commercial delivery of ballots is legal in most states. This is important because recent budget cuts and management changes leave the US Postal Service needing help to deliver the unprecedented increase of mail-in ballots. Who better to help than American companies that have already earned the nation's trust delivering the mail and more?

The follow analysis shows the capability and legality of Federal Express, Amazon, UPS, and others to offering for free to accept ballots at trucks, drop boxes, and storefronts around the country. This mail ballot pickup and delivery has the built-in security that every commercially transported ballot will be barcoded and tracked, providing a chain-of-custody beyond criticism. Mobilizing our country's extensive commercial delivery infrastructure to speed mail voting envelopes to election offices will assure all the ballots arrive.

Current Legal Status

Nine states across the political spectrum specifically allow commercial delivery of ballots. The Tennessee Secretary of State voter instruction website states, "You must return your ballot by mail (USPS, FedEx, UPS, etc.)." Oklahoma provides for ballot "hand delivery, United States mail or by a private mail service, provided such service has delivery documentation" which all the commercial services provide. Indiana allows a "bonded courier" and the Alabama voter may legally return "the absentee ballot by commercial carrier." Alaska ballots can be sent by "the U.S. Postal Service or a private commercial delivery service." Nebraska and Louisiana allow "a commercial courier, or the U.S. Postal Service." West Virginia allows for both "mail postmarked by the US Postal Service" and "mail without postmark" which represents commercial services. In its election fraud statute, Texas states that "A person possessing an envelope of another voter does not commit an offense if that person is ... a U.S. postal service employee; or a common or contract carrier."

A National Conference of State Legislatures report, *Voting Outside the Polling Place*, identified 13 states that "are silent" on who can deliver a mail ballot for a voter. Added to the nine states above, this means that 44% of the states allow commercial ballot delivery.

In contrast, only four state laws or voter websites require use of "federal" or "USPS" or "US Mail." Montana is the only state to require ballots to be postmarked. Other state references to postmarks are not requirements, rather, are used to authenticate arrival time to determine whether last minute ballots will be counted. The battleground states of Ohio, Iowa, and Georgia are among those requiring Post Office delivery.

Other battleground states join many states that do not clearly define "mail" or "delivery." Arizona requires use of "the pre-paid envelope" but does not specify which service may deliver this envelope. Wisconsin voter instructions state that "the ballot must be returned so it can be delivered to the polling place" but the law does not specify who can or cannot return a mail ballot. Florida requires only that the voter "Mail, deliver, or have delivered the completed mailing envelope."

Michigan requires that delivery be made by “a person whose job normally includes the handling of mail.” Pennsylvania shows a picture of a mailbox on its Voting by Mail-In Ballot website, but its new election law only says “by mail” not specifying US Mail. Colorado states, “Any person of the elector's own choice ... may be designated to mail or deliver a mail ballot.”

Commercial mail services will need to comply with a range of restrictions on who can handle a ballot in more than 20 states. Standard commercial delivery service paperwork should comply with South Carolina’s law that “A voter may authorize another person to return the ballot in writing.” Commercial delivery will have to meet South Dakota’s requirement that if delivering more than one ballot, the messenger must “notify the person in charge of elections.” Oregon requires pickup locations to post a sign stating: “NOT AN OFFICIAL BALLOT DROP SITE.” Several states require an affidavit from the voter. More difficult will be Nebraska, Minnesota, and New Jersey which limit to two or three the number of ballots an “agent” may deliver. The vast majority of states require that the envelope provided be used to return the ballot which will require that any tracking barcodes or other commercial service instructions be applied as a sticker on the envelope, which all services can do. These restrictions may complicate, but do not prevent, the use of commercial mail services in these states.

Actions Now

To avoid post-election litigation, commercial delivery companies will need to engage with states immediately. Firm plans to deliver by FedEx, Amazon, and UPS should begin in the nine states that specifically allow commercial delivery. In the 13 states that are silent in their laws on who can deliver, companies need to get prior confirmation by each state's top election official. Similarly, in the more than 20 states with restrictions or without clear definitions, companies will want clear legal authorization by the state.

Even if only half the states participate, every ballot they deliver will ease the burden on the Post Office.

Plus, an unintended benefit may be much-needed nonpartisanship in this election. With Amazon’s past political donations leaning Democrat and FedEx and UPS donations leaning Republican, we should see rare agreement to end this attack on democracy and assure that every vote will arrive to be counted.

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<p>This study is based on a review of state statutes and public voter-assistance websites of the states and the District of Columbia. The table that follows includes state-by-state statute references from a study by the National Conference of State Legislatures and research references to individual state websites.</p>		
<p>Who Can Collect and Return a Mail-In Ballot</p> <p>(Reference: https://www.ncsl.org/research/elections-and-campaigns/vopp-table-10-who-can-collect-and-return-an-absentee-ballot-other-than-the-voter.aspx)</p>	<p>Voter Instruction Website</p>	<p>Website Reference</p>
<p>Alabama</p>		
<p>Ala. Code § 17-11-9 No one other than the absentee voter may return their own ballot by mail or hand delivery. No one other than the absentee voter may return their own ballot by mail or hand delivery.</p>	<p>The voter has only the following legal ways to return the absentee ballot:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • forwards the absentee ballot by U.S. Mail • forwards the absentee ballot by commercial carrier • personally hands the absentee ballot to the absentee election manager (or delivers by a designee in the case of emergency absentee voting) 	<p>https://www.sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes/voter/absentee-voting</p>
<p>Alaska</p>		
<p>§ 15. 20. 072 (a) A friend, relative or associate may transfer the absentee ballot to the U. S. Postal Service or a private commercial delivery service for delivery to the division of elections. For those unable to vote in person because of age, illness or disability, a personal representative may pick up, assist in marking and return an absentee ballot.</p>	<p>How to Vote Your By-Mail Ballot</p> <p>Apply the correct amount of postage to the return envelope. Postal amount will be provided with the instructions.</p> <p>Mail your ballot. It must be postmarked on or before Election Day.</p>	<p>https://www.elections.alaska.gov/Core/votingbymail.php</p>
<p>Arizona</p>		
<p>Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 16-1005 A family member, household member or caregiver may return an absentee ballot on behalf of a voter.</p> <p>A person who knowingly collects voted or unvoted early ballots from another person is guilty of a class 6 felony.</p>	<p>What are my options for returning my voted ballot-by-mail? You have two options for returning your ballot-by-mail:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mail back your ballot: Use the pre-paid envelope included in your ballot-by-mail package. We recommend mailing it by the Wednesday (6 days) before Election Day to ensure it reaches your county election officials on time. • Drop off your ballot: You may drop off your ballot at any ballot drop-box, drop-off location, early voting location, or Election Day voting location in your county on or before Election Day. Find all voting and drop off locations on your county’s website. Ballots must be received by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. 	<p>https://azsos.gov/votebymail https://azsos.gov/sites/default/files/2019_ELECTIONS_PROCEDURES_MANUAL_APPROVED.pdf</p>

Arkansas		
<p>Ark. Code Ann. § 7-5-403 A designated bearer or authorized agent may obtain an absentee ballot on behalf of another voter and return it directly to the county clerk. The designated bearer must show a photo ID to the county clerk and sign an oath both when obtaining and returning an absentee ballot. A designated bearer may obtain absentee ballots for no more than two voters per election and shall not have more than two absentee ballots in his or her possession at any time.</p>	<p>Deadline for Delivery of Voted Ballot to County Clerk: In Person: by close of business the day BEFORE the election By Designated Bearer: by 7:30 p.m. ON election day By Mail: received at clerks office by 7:30 p.m. ON election day You may NOT fax or email a ballot. UOCAVA voters must vote their ballot by Election Day, and it must be received by their county clerk by 5:00p.m. 10 days after the election.</p>	<p>https://www.sos.arkansas.gov/elections/voter-information/absentee-voting</p>
California		
<p>Election Code §3017 A vote-by-mail voter who is unable to return the ballot may designate another person to return the ballot. A person designated to return a vote-by-mail ballot shall not receive any form of compensation based on the number of ballots that the person returns and an individual, group, or organization shall not provide compensation on this basis.</p>		
Colorado		
<p>Colo. Rev. Stat § 1-7. 5-107 Any person of the elector's own choice or any duly authorized agent of the county clerk and recorder or designated election official may be designated to mail or deliver a mail ballot. No person other than a duly authorized agent of the county clerk and recorder or designated election official may receive more than 10 mail ballots in any election for mailing or delivery.</p>	<p>If I am voting by mail, when must the county clerk and recorder receive my ballot? A5. Mail ballots must be received by the county clerk and recorder no later than 7:00 PM on Election Day. Voters are encouraged to drop off ballots at designated drop off locations, drop-box locations, or mail their ballots in time to be received by the county clerk before the polls close. Postmarks do not count; ballots must be in the hands of the county clerk by 7:00 PM on Election Day in order to be counted.</p>	<p>https://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/FAQs/mailBallotsFAQ.html#</p>
Connecticut		
<p>C. G. S. A. § 9-140b An absentee ballot may be returned by a voter’s “designee,” which includes a person who is caring for the applicant because of the applicant's illness or physical disability, including but not limited to, a licensed physician or a registered or practical nurse; a member of the applicant’s family; or if no such person consents or is available, then a police officer, registrar of voters, deputy registrar of voters or assistant registrar of voters in the municipality in which the applicant resides.</p>	<p>Complete the ballot, carefully following the instructions that are included and return it by mail or in person.</p>	<p>https://portal.ct.gov/SOTS/Election-Services/Voter-Information/Absentee-Voting</p>

Delaware		
Del. Code Title 15 § 5507 Absentee voters must return their ballots by U. S. mail, by delivering it, or “causing it to be delivered” prior to the close of polls on Election Day. There is no explicit provision for an agent or designee to return an absentee ballot on behalf of a voter.		
District of Columbia		
D. C. Mun. Regs. Tit. 3, § 722A registered voter may apply for and return an emergency ballot through an authorized agent if the voter is unexpectedly unable to be present at the polls due to an illness or accident or the voter is serving on a sequestered jury on Election Day.		
Florida		
Fl. Stat. Rev. § 101.051 Any elector applying to cast a vote by mail ballot in the office of the supervisor, in any election, who requires assistance to vote by reason of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write may request the assistance of some person of his or her own choice, other than the elector's employer, an agent of the employer, or an officer or agent of his or her union, in casting his or her vote-by-mail ballot. 9. Mail, deliver, or have delivered the completed mailing envelope.	<p>What is the Deadline to Return a Vote-by-Mail Ballot</p> <p>A returned voted ballot must be received by the Supervisor of Elections’ office no later than 7 p.m. (local time) on Election Day. Other return options are available for Military and Overseas Voters under certain circumstances. The United States Postal Service recommends that domestic nonmilitary voters, mail back their voted ballots at least 1 week before the Election Day deadline to account for any unforeseen events or weather issues. The Federal Voting Assistance Program provides recommended earlier timelines for absent military and overseas voters.</p>	<p>https://dos.myflorida.com/election/s/for-voters/voting/vote-by-mail/ https://dos.myflorida.com/media/699701/election-code-2017.pdf</p>
Georgia		
Ga. Code Ann. , § 21-2-385 In the case of an elector who is confined to a hospital on the day of the election, a family member or individual residing in the household of a disabled elector may personally deliver an absentee ballot on behalf of the disabled elector. ... No person shall assist more than 10 such electors in any primary, election, or runoff in which there is no federal candidate on the ballot.	<p>Submitting a Voted Absentee Ballot A ballot must be received by the county registrar no later than the close of polls on Election Day. Delivery can be either U.S. first class mail or hand delivered by the voter. If mailing, you must affix postage to the ballot envelope. Ballots received after the polls close cannot be counted.</p>	<p>https://sos.ga.gov/admin/uploads/Absentee_Voting_Guide_20142.pdf</p>
Hawaii		
Not specified.	You may return your voted ballot: by mail, or in-person at a designated place of deposit. All ballots must be received by the	https://elections.hawaii.gov/frequently-asked-

	Clerk's Office by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. Postmarks do not count!	questions/voting-by-mail/#jump-2
Idaho		
Not specified.	Qualified electors in Idaho can vote by absentee ballot and return their ballot by mail or personal delivery	https://idahovotes.gov/media/Citizens_Guide_to_Participation_English.pdf
Illinois		
10 ILCS 5/19-13 A person authorized by the voter may return an absentee ballot. If the ballot is from a physically incapacitated elector, an employee or person under the direction of the facility in which the voter is located may deliver to the ballot. There is an authorization on the ballot envelope naming and authorizing another person to return the ballot.	A voter may authorize any person to return their ballot to the election authority, as long as the voter has signed the affidavit on the ballot envelope affirming that authorization was given to deliver the ballot	file:///C:/Users/James/Desktop/VoteByMail_637327293570240376.pdf
Indiana		
Ind. Code 3-11-10-1 A member of the voter's household or a person designated as the attorney for the voter.	Finally, pursuant to state law, only the voter, the voter's attorney-in-fact, a bonded courier , or a member of the voter's immediate household may hand-deliver a completed absentee ballot to the county election board.	https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/2402.htm
Iowa		
Iowa Code §53.17A voter may designate a person to deliver a completed absentee ballot.	e before the polls close on election day or be clearly postmarked by an officially authorized postal service or bear a postal service barcode traceable to a date of entry into the federal mail system not later than the day before the election, as provided in section 53.17A, and received by the commissioner not later than noon on the Monday following the election. 3. If the law authorizing the election specifies that th	https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/EL/1069994.pdf
Kansas		
Kan. Stat. Ann. §25-1128 Upon written designation by the voter, a person other than the voter may return an absentee ballot. Any such person designated by the voter shall sign a statement that such person has not exercised undue influence on the voting decisions of the voter and agrees to deliver the ballot as directed by the voter.	Mail-in ballots must be returned by mail in the provided envelope , with the statement on the envelope signed and witnessed by a notary.	https://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/goVoteMissouri/howtovote#Mail

Kentucky		
<p>Ken. Rev. Stat. § 117.0863 Any person assisting another in voting by use of absentee ballot shall complete a voter assistance form.</p>	<p>the voter returning his absentee ballot by mail shall mark his ballot, seal it in the inner envelope and then in the outer envelope and mail it to the county clerk as shall be provided by this chapter.</p>	<p>https://codes.findlaw.com/ky/title-x-elections/ky-rev-st-sect-117-086.html</p>
Louisiana		
<p>LSA-R. S. 18:1308If delivered by other than the voter, a commercial courier, or the U. S. Postal Service, the registrar shall require that the person making such delivery sign a statement, prepared by the secretary of state, certifying that he has the authorization and consent of the voter to hand deliver the marked ballot. No person except the immediate family of the voter shall hand deliver more than one marked ballot to the registrar.</p>		
Maine		
<p>21-A M. R. S. A §753-B Absentee ballot return by a third person is permitted as long as the third person is not a candidate or a member of a candidate’s immediate family.</p> <p>An absentee ballot may not be issued to a third person who has already been issued five absentee ballots for voters in the municipality until the third person has returned one of those ballots.</p>	<p>When must my voted ballot be returned to my municipal clerk? To be counted, voted absentee ballots must be received by the municipal clerk by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. When the clerk receives a return envelope apparently containing an absentee ballot, the clerk shall observe the following procedures. [PL 2009, c. 538, §9 (AMD).]</p> <p>1. Time of receipt noted. The clerk shall note the date and time of delivery on each return envelope. On request, the clerk shall give the person who delivers the ballot a receipt, stating the exact time of delivery.</p>	<p>https://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/voter-info/absenteeguide.html http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/statutes/21-A/title21-Asec756.html</p>
Maryland		
<p>MD Code, Election Law, § 9-307A qualified applicant may designate a duly authorized agent to pick up and deliver an absentee ballot. An agent of the voter under this section: must be at least 18 years old; may not be a candidate on that ballot; shall be designated in a writing signed by the voter under penalty of perjury; and shall execute an affidavit under penalty of perjury that the ballot was delivered to the voter who submitted the application; marked and placed in an envelope by the voter, or with assistance as allowed by regulation, in the agent's presence; and returned to the local board by the agent.</p>		

<p>Massachusetts</p> <p>M. G. L. A. 54 § 92 A family member may deliver an absentee ballot on behalf of a voter.</p>	<p>Ballots may be returned by mail or in person to your city/town hall. If your city/town has provided a secure ballot drop box, ballots can be submitted to that drop box.</p>	<p>https://www.sec.state.ma.us/e/e/eabsentee/absidx.htm</p>
<p>Michigan</p> <p>M. C. L. A. 168. 764aA member of the immediate family of the voter or a person residing in the voter’s household may deliver a ballot to the clerk for the voter.</p>	<p>RETURN OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS: Absentee ballots must be returned to the clerk by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. On the day of the election, the clerk must make arrangements with the post office to pick up any absentee ballots which are received by the post office after the post office has made its final mail delivery of the day to the clerk’s office. (The time of the final check should be coordinated with the post office to ensure that the check is made after the post office receives its last mail delivery of the day.) Should a voter or a statutorily approved individual return an absent voter ballot to the precinct on Election Day, precinct inspectors need to redirect the ballot to the clerk for signature verification to determine if the ballot is legal for processing in the precinct or Absent Voter Counting Board. The persons who may return an absentee ballot are limited to 1) the voter 2) a member of the voter’s immediate family who has been asked to return the ballot 3) a person residing in the voter’s household who has been asked to return the ballot 4) a person whose job normally includes the handling of mail (but only during the course of his or her employment) and 5) an authorized election official. Given the above restrictions, it is important to note that an absentee voter is not permitted to ask another voter who is not a member of the voter’s immediate family or household to return his or her absentee ballot.</p>	<p>https://www.michigan.gov/documents/sos/VI_Michigans_Absentee_Voting_Process_265992_7.pdf</p>

Minnesota		
<p>Minn. Stat. Ann. § 203B. 08The voter may designate an agent to deliver in person the sealed absentee ballot return envelope to the county auditor or municipal clerk or to deposit the return envelope in the mail. An agent may deliver or mail the return envelopes of not more than three voters in any election.</p>	<p>Mail the ballot and forms back right away after you finish. Your returned ballot must be postmarked on or before Election Day (November 3, 2020) and received by your county within the next seven calendar days (November 10). You may also drop off your ballot envelope in person--see details below.</p>	<p>https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/other-ways-to-vote/vote-early-by-mail/</p>
Mississippi		
Not specified.		
Missouri		
<p>V. A. M. S. 115. 291An absentee ballot may be returned in person by a relative of the voter who is within the second degree of consanguinity or affinity.</p>	<p>Mail-in ballots must be returned by mail in the provided envelope, with the statement on the envelope signed and witnessed by a notary. In order to be counted, mail-in ballots must be received by the election authority at or before the time fixed by law for the closing of the polls on Election Day (7:00 p.m.).</p>	<p>https://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/goVoteMissouri/howtovote#Mail</p>
Montana		
<p>Mont. Code Ann. §13-35-703 * This legislation was enacted after a legislatively referred ballot measure was passed in 2018 Individuals authorized to transmit ballots are an election official; U. S. postal service worker or other individual specifically authorized by law to transmit U. S. mail; caregiver; family member; household member; or acquaintance.</p> <p>A person other than an authorized individual may not knowingly collect a voter's voted or unvoted ballot. An individual authorized to collect a voter's ballot may not collect and convey more than six ballots.</p>		

Nebraska		
<p>Neb. Rev. St. § 32-943A n absentee voter may appoint an agent. A candidate for office and any person serving on a campaign committee for such a candidate shall not act as an agent for any registered voter requesting a ballot unless such person is a member of the registered voter's family. No person shall act as an agent for more than two registered voters in any election.</p>	<p>All early-voting ballots whether delivered in person, by mail or by other carrier must arrive by the close of polls on the day of the election.</p>	<p>https://sos.nebraska.gov/elections/early-voting-0</p>
Nevada		
<p>Nev. Rev. Stat. §293. 353 It is unlawful for any person to return a mailing ballot other than the registered voter to whom the ballot was sent or, at the request of the voter, a member of the family of that voter. Not specified.</p>	<p>If returned in person, absent ballots must be dropped off by 7 p.m. on Election Day. If returned by mail, absent ballots must be postmarked by Election Day. Absent ballots that are postmarked by Election Day and received no later than 7 days after the election will be counted.</p>	<p>https://www.nvsos.gov/sos/elections/voters/absentee-voting</p>
New Hampshire		
<p>N. H. Rev. Stat. §657:17A family member may return the ballot and must complete a form and present a government-issued photo ID or have his or her identity confirmed by the city or town clerk.</p>	<p>Affix postage and mail the larger outer envelope to the clerk in the city or town in which you are entitled to vote OR the voter may personally deliver it or have it delivered by the voter's "delivery agent." A delivery agent may be: a) The voter's spouse, parent, sibling, child, grandchild, father-in-law, mother-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, stepparent, stepchild; or (b) If the voter is a resident of a nursing home as defined in RSA 151-A:1, IV, the nursing home administrator, licensed pursuant to RSA 151-A:2, or a nursing home staff member designated in writing by the administrator to deliver ballots; or (c) If the voter is a resident of a residential care facility licensed pursuant to RSA 151:2, I(e) and described in RSA 151:9, VII(a)(1) and (2), the residential care facility administrator, or a residential care facility staff member designated in writing by the administrator to deliver ballots;; or (d) *. If delivered to the polls on election day by a "delivery agent" he or she will be required to complete a form provided there by the clerk and to present government issued</p>	<p>file:///C:/Users/James/Desktop/2020-mail-primary-or-general-absentee-ballot-instructions-7-20.pdf</p>

	photo identification or have his or her identity verified by the clerk. RSA 657:17.	
New Jersey		
N. J. Stat. Ann. §19:63-9, §19:63-16 An authorized messenger may return the ballot. The bearer certifies that he or she received a mail-in ballot directly from the voter, and no other person, and is authorized to deliver the ballot to the appropriate board of election or designee on behalf of the voter. No person shall serve as an authorized messenger for more than three qualified voters in an election. No person who is a candidate in the election for which the voter requests a mail-in ballot shall be permitted to serve as an authorized messenger or bearer.	n. the County Board of Elections no later than 48 hours be postmarked no later than Election Day and received by Election Day. If returning your Mail-In Ballot by mail, it must be by the County Board of Elections before close of polls on If returning your Mail-In Ballot in person it must be received	https://www.state.nj.us/state/elections/assets/pdf/forms-vote-by-mail/vote-mail-ballot-atlantic-english.pdf
New Mexico		
N. M. Stat. Ann. § 1-6-10. 1A voter, caregiver to that voter or member of that voter's immediate family may deliver that voter's absentee ballot to the county clerk in person or by mail, provided that the voter has subscribed the outer envelope of the absentee ballot. Not specified.	Who can take the absentee ballot back to the county clerk? A member of your immediate family or your caregiver may hand-deliver your absentee ballot; provided that the voter has subscribed the official mailing envelope of the absentee ballot. An unrelated third party may not deliver another voter's absentee ballot .(Section 1-6-10.1, NMSA 1978). When does an absentee ballot have to be returned for it to be counted? Ballots must be returned to the county clerk or voter's precinct by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day to be counted (Section 1-6-10 (B), NMSA 1978). How much does it cost to mail my Absentee Ballot? Return postage is pre-paid. Please ensure you return the ballot with enough time for it to arrive at your County Clerk's office before 7 pm on Election Day, November 3, 2020. For more details, log on to the Voter Information Portal.	https://www.sos.state.nm.us/voting-and-elections/voting-faqs/absentee-voting-by-mail/
New York		
Not specified.	Place the Security Envelope in the Return Envelope. (This envelope will have the return address of your county Board of Elections on the outside and should have a logo that reads, "Official Election Mail") Seal the Return Envelope.	

	<p>You may return the ballot in any of the following ways: Put it in the mail ensuring it receives a postmark no later than November 3rd. Bringing it to the County Board of Elections Office no later than November 3rd. Bringing it to an early voting poll site between October 24th and November 1st</p>	
North Carolina		
<p>N. C. G. S. A. § 163A-1298, § 163A-1310A voter’s near relative or verifiable legal guardian may return an absentee ballot.</p> <p>It is a class 1 felony for any person to take into that person’s possession for delivery to a voter or for return to a county board of elections the absentee ballot of any voter, except a voter’s near relative or verifiable legal guardian.</p>	<p>Returning the Voted Ballot For civilian absentee voters, once the Absentee Application and Certificate is completed with all relevant signatures, the voted ballot (placed inside the container-return envelope) must be returned to the county board of elections no later than 5 p.m. on Election Day. Absentee ballots received after 5 p.m. on Election Day will be timely only if they are received by mail no later than 5 p.m. on the third day following the date of the election, and postmarked on or before Election Day. The envelope may be mailed or delivered in person to the county board of elections office or an open early voting site during the early voting period. Only the voter or the voter’s near relative may possess the absentee ballot to return it to the board of elections.</p>	<p>https://www.ncsb.e.gov/Voting-Options/Absentee-Voting#VotingAbsenteeBallot</p>
North Dakota		
<p>ND Cent. Code § 16. 1-07-08 An absentee voter may designate an agent. The agent may not, at that time, be a candidate for any office to be voted upon by the absent voter. The agent must provide a signed, written authorization from an applicant. No person may receive compensation, including money, goods or services, for acting as an agent for an elector, nor may a person act as an agent for more than four electors in any one election.</p>	<p>Whether you vote absentee or by mail ballot your return envelope must be postmarked no later than the day before the election.</p>	<p>https://vip.sos.nd.gov/pdfs/Portals/Voting-MailBallotAbsentee.pdf</p>

Ohio		
<p>R. C. § 3509.05 A family member of the absentee elector may deliver the ballot.</p>	<p>Return your voted ballot. You can send it by <i>U.S. Mail</i> or deliver it <i>in person</i> to your county board of elections, but the return envelope containing your marked ballot must either be received by your county board of elections prior to the close of the polls on Election Day, or postmarked no later than the day before the election and received by the board of elections no later than 10 days after the election.</p>	<p>https://www.ohio.sos.gov/elections/voters/absentee-voting-by-mail/</p>
Oklahoma		
<p>26 Okl. Stat. Ann. § 14-108, 108. 1The voter shall be required to mark the ballot in ink or other manner as prescribed by the Secretary of the State Election Board; seal the ballots in the plain opaque envelope; fill out completely and sign the affidavit, such signature to be notarized at no charge by a notary public; seal the plain opaque envelope inside the envelope bearing the affidavit and return both envelopes, sealed inside the return envelope, by hand delivery, United States mail or by a private mail service, provided such service has delivery documentation, to the county election board. No person who is a candidate for an office on the ballot or who is the chair or treasurer of the campaign of a candidate for office or who is related within the third degree of consanguinity or affinity to a candidate on the ballot may witness any absentee ballot affidavit. A voter's spouse is excepted from ballot harvesting laws and is permitted to return an absentee ballot on behalf of a voter.</p> <p>Any voter who hand delivers his or her ballot as provided in subsection A of this section shall provide proof of identity to the county election board. A notary public must witness the absentee voter signing the absentee ballot return envelope. Notaries may not notarize more than 20 absentee ballot affidavits without the written approval of the election board.</p>	<p>To make sure your absentee ballot is counted, it must be received by your board of elections by 7:30 p.m. on Election Day OR be postmarked by the day before Election Day. To make sure your absentee ballot is counted, it must be received by your board of elections by 7:30 p.m. on Election Day OR be postmarked by the day before Election Day. The U.S. Postal Service (USPS) estimates that it may take two to five days for your voted absentee ballot to be delivered to your board of elections by mail.</p>	

Oregon		
<p>Ore. Rev. Stat. §260. 695, §254. 470 A person may return a ballot on behalf of another voter. A person may not attempt to collect voted ballots within any building in which any state or local government elections office designated for the deposit of ballots is located, or within 100 feet measured radially from any entrance to the building. A person may not establish a location to collect ballots voted by electors unless the person prominently displays at the location a sign stating: “NOT AN OFFICIAL BALLOT DROP SITE”; and the sign is printed in all capital letters in bold 50-point type.</p>		
Pennsylvania		
<p>Section 1306. Voting by Absentee Electors. - The elector shall then fill out, date and sign the declaration printed on such envelope. Such envelope shall then be securely sealed and the elector shall send same by mail, postage prepaid, except where franked, or deliver it in person to said county board of election.</p>	<p>Voting by Mail-in Ballot Deadlines for the November 3 General Election: • 5 pm October 27- APPLICATIONS must be RECEIVED by your county election office • 8 pm November 3 - VOTED BALLOTS must be RECEIVED by your county election office - postmarks are not enough Applications and ballots may be delivered to your county election office by the deadline. Contact your county election office for their hours of operation.</p>	<p>https://www.vote-spa.com/Voting-in-PA/Pages/Mail-and-Absentee-Ballot.aspx https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdoc/s/legis/li/uconsCheck.cfm?yr=2019&sessInd=0&act=77</p>
Rhode Island		
Gen. Laws § 17-20-23 Not specified.		
South Carolina		
<p>S. C. Code §7-15-385 A voter may authorize another person to return the ballot in writing. A candidate or a member of a candidate's paid campaign staff, including volunteers reimbursed for time expended on campaign activity, is not permitted to serve as an authorized returnee for any person unless the person is a member of the voter's immediate family.</p>	<p>Step 4: Vote the ballot following ballot instructions and return it to the county voter registration office in your county of residence by 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election. You may return the ballot personally or by mail. You may also have another person return the ballot for you, but you must first complete an authorization to return absentee ballot form, available from your county voter registration office.</p>	<p>https://www.scvotes.gov/absentee-voting</p>
South Dakota		
<p>§ 12-19-2. 2An authorized messenger can transmit a ballot. If a person is an authorized messenger for more than one voter, he must notify the person in charge of the</p>		

election of all voters for whom he is a messenger.		
Tennessee		
Not specified.	You must return your ballot by mail (USPS, FedEx, UPS, etc.).	https://sos.tn.gov/products/elections/absentee-voting
Texas		
V. T. C. A. , Election Code § 86. 006 A marked ballot voted under this chapter must be returned to the early voting clerk in the official carrier envelope. The carrier envelope may be delivered in another envelope and must be transported and delivered only by mail; common or contract carrier; or in-person delivery by the voter who voted the ballot. A person possessing an envelope of another voter does not commit an offense if that person is related to the voter within the second degree by affinity or the third degree by consanguinity; physically living in the same dwelling as the voter; a person who possesses a ballot or carrier envelope solely for the purpose of lawfully assisting a voter who was eligible for assistance; a U. S. postal service employee; or a common or contract carrier. Carrier envelopes may not be collected and stored at another location for subsequent delivery to the early voting clerk. A person commits an offense if the person knowingly possesses an official ballot or official carrier envelope with intent to defraud the voter or the election authority.		
Utah		
Not specified.	Your mail ballot must be postmarked by the U.S. Post Office the day before Election Day, November 2, 2020. You can also drop your ballot off at a drop box location before 8:00 pm on Election Day	https://voteinfo.utah.gov/learn-about-voting-by-mail-and-absentee-voting/
Vermont		
Not specified.	Return of Ballots Early or absentee voter ballots must be returned to the town clerk’s office before the close of business on the day before the election (be sure to check your town clerk’s hours) or to the polling place by 7 p.m. on Election Day. The ballots may be returned by mail or in person, unless the ballots were delivered by justices of the peace who would then return them to the town clerk.	https://sos.vermont.gov/elections/voters/early-absentee-voting/

<p>Virginia</p> <p>VA Code Ann. § 24. 2-705 A voter who becomes incapacitated just before Election Day may vote by emergency ballot and designate a representative to deliver the ballot and return the marked ballot. Not specified.</p>	<p>Does not specify a definition for "mail"</p>	<p>https://www.elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/absentee-voting/ https://codes.findlaw.com/va/title-24-2-elections/va-code-sect-24-2-101.html</p>
<p>Washington</p> <p>Not specified.</p>	<p>Ballots have pre-paid postage and are returned through the mail or at ballot drop boxes. If mailed, must be postmarked by Election Day. Drop boxes open until 8 p.m. on Election Day.</p>	<p>https://www.sos.wa.gov/_assets/elections/wa_vbm.pdf</p>
<p>West Virginia</p> <p>W. Va. Code, § 3-3-5 Not specified, though statute does address hand-delivering ballots (see next column). No person may hand-deliver more than two absentee ballots in any election and any person hand delivering an absentee ballot is required to certify that he or she has not examined or altered the ballot. Any person who makes a false certification violates the provisions of article nine of this chapter and is subject to those provisions.</p>	<p>Deadlines for returning your ballot (must be received in the county clerk's office by these deadlines):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · By mail: by the close of polls on election day · By mail without postmark: the day after the election · By mail postmarked by the US Postal Service by Election Day: the start of canvass (five days after the election, excluding Sundays) · Ballots from military and overseas voters: the start of canvass (five days after the election, excluding Sundays) · Hand-delivered (a person may 	<p>https://sos.wv.gov/FormSearch/Elections/Voter/Instructions%20for%20Voting%20Paper%20Ballot%20by%20Mail.pdf</p>
<p>Wisconsin</p> <p>Not specified.</p>	<p>The ballot must be returned so it can be delivered to the polling place no later than 8 p.m. on Election Day. If the ballot is received by the municipal clerk on Election Day, it must be received in time for the clerk to deliver the ballot to the polling place before 8:00 p.m. If you are a permanent or temporarily overseas voter or you received your ballot by electronic means, please provide adequate postage. Allow adequate time for delivery. The United States Postal Service recommends a delivery time of one week. If you are mailing your ballot from</p>	<p>https://elections.wi.gov/sites/elections.wi.gov/files/2020-07/Uniform%20Instructions%20for%20Absentee%20Voting%20-%20All%20Voters%20%20%28Rev.%202020-07%29.pdf</p>

	overseas, delivery time may be longer. Absentee ballots may not be returned to the clerk by fax or email	
Wyoming		
Not specified.	<p>All Absentee ballots must be received in the county clerk's office no later than 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. Ballots arriving after the deadline will not be counted.</p> <p>Ballots may be returned to the county clerk in the following ways:</p> <p>In Person – Bring your completed absentee ballot in the signed envelope to your county clerk's office.</p> <p>By Mail – Mail your completed absentee ballot in the provided envelope to your county clerk's office. (Mail delivery within the county may take up to seven (7) days, and longer if you're mailing your ballot from outside the county.)</p>	<p>https://sos.wyo.gov/Elections/State/AbsenteeVoting.aspx</p>

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