

# APPLICATION FOR ABSENT VOTER BALLOT

Complete and mail this form to your local clerk.

As a duly qualified and registered elector in the CITY or TOWNSHIP of \_\_\_\_\_,  
COUNTY of \_\_\_\_\_, State of Michigan, I hereby make application for an official  
Absent Voter Ballot for the election to be held on **November 4, 2008**.

NAME as registered (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Year: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS of registration \_\_\_\_\_ Apt \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** Michigan law requires that an Absent Voter Ballot be sent to your registered address unless you are hospitalized, institutionalized, or at an address outside of your community.

**Complete this section ONLY if you want your ballot sent to an address outside of your community or to a hospital or other institution:**

Send AV Ballot to me at:

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**✓ CHECK REASON FOR REQUESTING AN ABSENT VOTER BALLOT.**

**IF A REASON IS NOT CHECKED AN ABSENTEE BALLOT CANNOT BE ISSUED.**

- I expect to be absent from the Community in which I am registered for the entire time the polls are open on Election Day.
- I am 60 years of age or older.
- I am physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another.
- I cannot attend the polls because of the tenets of my religion.
- I have been appointed an election inspector in a precinct other than where I reside.
- I cannot attend the polls because I am confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial.

**WARNING: A PERSON WHO MAKES A FALSE STATEMENT IN THIS DECLARATION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR.**

It is a violation of Michigan election law for a person other than those listed in the instructions to return, offer to return, agree to return, or solicit to return your Absent Voter Ballot application to the clerk. Instructions on reverse side.

**SIGN HERE "X"** \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**For Clerk's Use ONLY** Pct. \_\_\_\_\_ Ballot \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_

# Instructions for Application for Absent Voter Ballot

Step 1. After completely filling out the application, sign and date the application in the place designated. Your signature must appear on the application or you will not receive an absent voter ballot.

Step 2. Deliver the application by one of the following methods:

A. Place the application in an envelope addressed to the appropriate clerk and place the necessary postage upon the return envelope and deposit it in the United States mail or with another public postal service, express mail service, parcel post service, or common carrier.

B. Deliver the application personally to the office of the clerk, to the clerk, or to an authorized assistant of the clerk.

C. In either (A) or (B), a member of the immediate family of the voter including a father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandparent, grandchild or a person residing in the voter's household may mail or deliver the application to the clerk for the applicant.

D. In the event an applicant cannot return the application in any of the above methods, the applicant may select any registered elector to return the application. If the person returning the application is not a member of the immediate family, that person must sign and return the certificate below.

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## CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZED REGISTERED ELECTOR RETURNING ABSENT VOTER BALLOT APPLICATION

### FILL OUT THIS BOTTOM PORTION ONLY IF YOU ARE ASSISTING A VOTER

I certify that my name is \_\_\_\_\_

my address is \_\_\_\_\_

and my date of birth is \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_; that I am delivering the absent voter ballot

application of \_\_\_\_\_ at his or her request; that I did not solicit or request to return the application; that I have not made any markings on the applications; that I have not altered the application in any way; that I have not influenced the applicant; and that I am aware that a false statement in this certificate is a violation of Michigan election law.

X \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

Date

WARNING: A person making a false statement in this absent ballot application is guilty of a misdemeanor. It is a violation of Michigan election law for a person other than those listed in the above instructions to return, offer to return, agree to return or solicit to return your absent voter ballot application to the clerk. An assistant authorized by the clerk who receives absent voter ballot applications at a location other than the office of the clerk must have credentials signed by the clerk. Ask to see his or her credentials before entrusting your application with a person claiming to have the clerk's authorization to return your application.