

Ballot Curing

2026 VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE



If you make a mistake on your mail-in ballot, you can cure (fix) your ballot so that it is still counted.



Curable defects are:

- Unsigned ballot envelope
- Signature on envelope does not correspond to registration signature
- Missing ballot affirmation envelope in the return envelope
- Ballot affirmation envelope signed by person who provided assistance to the voter, but not signed or marked by the voter
- Missing witness to a “mark”
- Signature is of someone other than the voter
- And, for ballots that arrive within 2 - 7 days following Election Day, envelopes that do not have a postmark.



The BOE should notify you of the defect and give you instructions to cure your ballot (i.e. sending a new ballot, signing an affidavit, etc.).



Any cure affirmation must be postmarked or received by the BOE by November 10 or seven business days after the notification is mailed, whichever is later.



If the BOE determines that your ballot cannot be cured, you should be notified prior to Election Day so that you can pursue an alternative way to vote.

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