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### **Kendall County Clerk & Kendall County State's Attorney Provide Information To Voters About Vote By Mail Ballots**

With the unique provisions allowing for Vote By Mail ("VBM") this general election cycle, Kendall County Clerk Debbie Gillette and Kendall County State's Attorney Eric Weis wish to provide information to voters on the VBM process in order to ensure that every voter's ballot is lawfully counted. The Kendall County Clerk Debbie Gillette has posted the below VBM Frequently Asked Questions ("FAQs") on her website at: <https://www.co.kendall.il.us/offices/county-clerk-recorder/election-voter-information>. These FAQs will be updated, as needed, to assist the voters of Kendall County, Illinois.

#### **KENDALL COUNTY VOTE BY MAIL FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

##### **If I requested a Vote By Mail ("VBM") ballot, can I vote in-person?**

Yes. Even if you applied for and received a VBM ballot, you can still choose to vote in-person if your completed VBM ballot has not already been received by the Kendall County Clerk and Recorder's Office.

If you appear at a polling location to vote in-person, but you have already been issued a VBM ballot, Kendall County applies the following rules:

- If you bring your VBM ballot with you to the polling location and you surrender your VBM ballot to the election judge, you will be allowed to cast a regular ballot.
- If you did not receive your VBM ballot and you want to vote in-person, you can complete an affidavit pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/17-9 (available at the polling location) and cast your regular ballot.
- If you completed and returned your VBM ballot, but the Kendall County Clerk's Office did not

receive your VBM ballot, you can complete an affidavit pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/17-9 (available at the polling location) and cast your regular ballot.

- If you have the VBM ballot in your possession but you do *not* bring it with you to surrender when you vote in-person, you must vote provisionally in accordance with the Illinois Election Code requirements.

### **My VBM ballot came with two envelopes. What goes in them?**

The first envelope is labeled “Certification Envelope.” Once you have marked your VBM ballot, place it in the certification envelope and seal it. Then, you must sign and date the certification at the bottom of the certification envelope. *Please make sure that your certification envelope is properly sealed.* If the adhesive on the certification envelope will not stick, you may tape or glue it shut. A VBM ballot submitted in an open envelope will be rejected pursuant to the Illinois Election Code.

The second envelope is a larger mailing envelope. This larger envelope is pre-marked with your name and a barcode. You should place your sealed, dated, and signed certification envelope into this second mailing envelope and return it to the Kendall County Clerk’s Office.

### **Can I have someone else deliver my completed VBM ballot?**

If the VBM ballot is being hand delivered to the Kendall County Clerk’s Office by someone other than the voter, an Affidavit of Delivery must be completed and signed by both the voter and person delivering the VBM ballot. This Affidavit of Delivery can be found on the back of the return envelope.

### **My VBM ballot certification envelope has a blank space labeled “Ballot Code.” It also contains blank spaces for precinct and township numbers and other information. Do I need to fill in any of this information before submitting by VBM ballot?**

You may, but you are not legally required to, fill in the “Ballot Code”, precinct and/or township numbers on their VBM certification envelope. The “Ballot Code” refers to the “Ballot Style” number on your VBM ballot.

However, please remember to sign and date the certification at the bottom of the certification envelope and seal the certification envelope.

### **How can I submit my VBM ballot?**

You MAY return a completed VBM ballot to the Kendall County Clerk for counting:

- 1) By U.S. Mail to the Kendall County Clerk’s Office, 111 W. Fox St., Yorkville, IL 60560, if postmarked no later than November 3, 2020; or
- 2) By delivering the VBM ballot to the Kendall County Clerk’s Office, 111 W. Fox St., Yorkville, IL 60560, up until 7:00 p.m. on November 3, 2020.

***A VBM ballot may NOT be cast by delivering a completed VBM ballot to your polling place on Election Day or to an early voting location other than the Kendall County’s Clerk’s Office.*** If you bring your VBM ballot to a polling location other than the Kendall County’s Clerk’s Office located at 111 W. Fox Street, Yorkville, Illinois, you may surrender your VBM ballot in exchange for a regular ballot, as explained above.