

How does the County Clerk make sure I am the one who submitted my VBM ballot?

According to Section 2B-20 of the Illinois Election Code, the certification envelope for each VBM ballot is reviewed by a panel of three election judges. If the signature on the certification envelope does not match the signature on file with the County Clerk, the certification envelope is unsigned, or the certification envelope is signed but in the wrong location, the panel may reject the VBM ballot. The panel may also reject the VBM ballot if the certification envelope is delivered opened, the voter has already voted, or the voter is not registered to vote in the precinct. If the panel rejects a VBM ballot, the County Clerk will notify the voter of the rejection. ***Please remember to sign, date, and seal the certification envelope!***

I received a notice from the County Clerk that my VBM ballot was rejected. Can I still cast a ballot?

The rejection notice you received will explain your voting options to you. If your ballot was rejected because of an issue with the signature on the certification envelope or because the certification envelope was delivered opened, you may still be able to cast a ballot.

If your VBM ballot was rejected because of a problem with the signature, you may submit a statement to the County Clerk affirming that it was, in fact, you who cast the VBM ballot. Upon receipt of this statement no later than November 17, 2020, your VBM ballot will be counted. If your VBM ballot was rejected because the certification envelope was opened, you may 1) vote in-person, either early or on election day; or 2) submit a new application for a new VBM ballot, as long as you submit the application and cast the new VBM ballot prior to the close of polls on election day.