

**Onondaga County Board of Elections
Canvassing Absentee, Special and Affidavit Ballots**

The **entire ballot** is void if the voter:

1. Encloses any paper or other article in the folded ballot or envelope that is NOT a Board of Elections issued document
2. Defaces or tears the ballot
3. Makes an intentional mark anywhere on the ballot other than an X or a check or filling in the voting oval

Stray marks, food stains, etc. will NOT invalidate the ballot

An erasure or white out in any voting oval shall only void that office or ballot proposal.

Ballots where voters marked outside the voting oval are not counted for that office.

If the mark starts in the voting oval and extends beyond the oval, it will be **counted**.

Pens that bleed through the ballot will be **counted**.

Any color ink will be **counted**.

If a voter fails to date their absentee/special ballot envelope, but the envelope has a valid time stamp or was delivered to the poll site on Election Day, it will be **counted**.

If a revised absentee ballot was reissued due to a ballot change, the most recent timestamped ballot envelope will be counted. If both ballot envelopes (original and revised) were timestamped on the same day, the revised ballot will be counted.

If an affidavit voter appears at the wrong polling place, it will not be counted.

Any address changes noted on absentee ballot envelopes will have already been researched and approved by the Board of Elections.

If an affidavit voter appears at the correct polling place but given the incorrect ballot, only those offices the voter is eligible to vote in will be **counted**.

An affidavit ballot envelope must be signed by the voter to be **counted**.

If an affidavit voter has been found to have checked in on the poll book, it is assumed the voter has cast a ballot on the voting machine, thus the affidavit ballot will not be counted.

All absentee/special application challenges must be made prior to the mailing of the ballot.



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