

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

If an objection is made upon canvassing an absentee, special and/or affidavit ballot in which one or both Commissioners disagree with, the following procedure will be followed:

Objections made to the envelope of an absentee, special and/or affidavit ballot:

- The following will be written in INK on the FRONT OF THE ENVELOPE:
 1. Objection reason
 2. Name and address of the objector
 3. Commissioner's signatures
- The objected ballot envelopes will be held aside and not opened until the completion of the canvass.
- Upon completion of the canvass, the objector will be asked if they would like to preserve their objections for a potential court proceeding.
- If the objector chooses not to proceed with the objections, the ballots will be opened and added to the absentee totals with normal canvassing procedures.
- If the objector chooses to proceed with the objections, the following will be completed in a bipartisan pair:
 1. The ballot inside will be photocopied
 2. Marked "COPY"
 3. The copy will be placed back in the envelope
 4. The envelope containing copied ballot will remain segregated
 5. The original ballot will be added to the absentee totals with normal canvassing procedures

Objections made to an absentee, special and/or affidavit ballot:

- A copy of the ballot will be made.
- The following will be written in INK on the BACK OF THE PHOTOCOPIED BALLOT:
 4. Town/Ward/District
 5. Objection reason
 6. Name and address of the objector
 7. Commissioner's signatures
- The original ballot will be added to the absentee totals with normal canvassing procedure.
- Upon completion of the canvass, the objector will be asked if they would like to preserve their objections for a potential court proceeding.

All objections will be held for 72 hours following certification. Objections will be subject to a Judge's rulings in the case of a court proceeding.



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