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## **Election Officials Remind Voters About Envelope Birth Year Requirement**

As the ballots for the May 5 school and special district election are mailed this week, election officials are reminding voters that they must write their birth year and signature on their mail ballot envelope before mailing it or returning it to their elections office. Failure to provide either detail will result in the rejection of the ballot.

“These laws impact every voter using mail ballots, and we want to ensure that people are aware of this requirement before they send in their ballots to help set our voters up for success,” stated Communication Committee Chair Angie Paulsen. “We understand that some voters may be hesitant to send this information through the mail. If that’s the case, we encourage them to drop off their ballot at their local election office.”

The birth year requirement is a result of House Bill 719, passed by the 2025 Legislature, which took effect on October 1, 2025. For mail-in elections and absentee voters, the return envelope features two red arrows guiding voters on where to write their signature and year of birth.

Election staff will reach out to every voter with a rejected ballot to attempt to resolve the issue before 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 6. The most effective way for voters to verify that their ballot has been accepted is to visit [myvoterpagemt.com](http://myvoterpagemt.com) and click on “Track my Ballot.”

Voters are encouraged to mail their ballot before Tuesday, April 28 to ensure it arrives on time, or contact their local elections office for a list of ballot-drop locations available on Election Day.