

**721—21.303(53) Mailing absentee ballots.** The commissioner shall mail the following materials to each person who has requested an absentee ballot:

1. Ballot. The ballot that corresponds to the voter's residence, as indicated by the residential address on the absentee ballot application.
2. Public measure text. The full text of any public measures that are summarized on the ballot, but not printed in full.
3. Secrecy envelope. Secrecy envelope, if the ballot cannot be folded to cover all of the voting ovals, as required by Iowa Code section 53.8(1).
4. Affidavit envelope. The affidavit envelope, which shall be marked with the I-Voters-assigned sequence number used to identify the absentee request in the commissioner's records.
5. Return envelope. The return envelope, which shall be addressed to the commissioner's office and bear appropriate return postage or a postal permit guaranteeing that the commissioner will pay the return postage and which shall be marked with the I-Voters-assigned sequence number used to identify the absentee request in the commissioner's records. All domestic return envelope flaps or backs shall also be printed or stamped with a notice in substantially the following form: "This ballot will only be eligible for counting if it is received by the auditor's office before the polls close on election day. Mail the ballot early to make sure it is received on time. Track the status of your absentee ballot at [www.sos.iowa.gov](http://www.sos.iowa.gov)."
6. Delivery envelope. The delivery envelope, which shall be addressed to the voter and bear the I-Voters-assigned sequence number used to identify the absentee request in the commissioner's records. All other materials shall be enclosed in the delivery envelope.
7. Instructions. Absentee voting instructions, which shall be in the form required by rule 721—22.250(52).
8. Receipt. The receipt form required by Iowa Code section 53.3, which may be printed on the instructions required by numbered paragraph "7" above.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 53.8 and 53.17.

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