



**STATEMENT CONCERNING DEFECTIVE,
LOST, DESTROYED, OR SPOILED ABSENTEE BALLOT**

(ABS-5)

State Form 47696 (R13 / 6-25)

INDIANA ELECTION DIVISION (IC 3-11-4-17.7; 3-11.5-4-2)

INSTRUCTIONS: Use this form when: (1) a voter has been mailed an absentee ballot and then notifies the county election board that the ballot has been destroyed, spoiled, lost, does not have the bipartisan initials of election officials, was returned in an envelope not signed by the voter, or not received by the voter; or (2) the county election board has authorized the use of a replacement ballot to replace a defective ballot supplied to the voter. **The voter may request a replacement ballot in those cases by filing this form with the election board. This form may be returned in-person, via mail, or email.**

TO THE _____ COUNTY ELECTION BOARD, STATE OF INDIANA:

I, the undersigned voter of this county, state the following:

1. My name (as it appears on my voter registration record) is _____.
2. My residence address is _____, Indiana _____.
(Insert residence address) City ZIP Code
3. My date of birth is _____. (insert date – month, day, year)
4. On or about _____ (insert date – month, day, year), I applied for an absentee ballot for the next primary, general, municipal, or special election to be conducted by the county election board.
5. This absentee ballot (check one of the following):
 - ☐ has been destroyed.
 - ☐ has been spoiled.
 - ☐ has been lost.
 - ☐ has not been received by me, even though a reasonable amount of time has passed since I mailed the application for the county to process the application and mail the ballot back to me.
 - ☐ has been received by me but does not have the required bipartisan initials of election officials.
 - ☐ was returned to the county election board secured in an envelope, but without my signature.
 - ☐ was found by the county election board to be defective, and the board ordered that a replacement ballot be furnished to voters, upon request.
 - ☐ to vote absentee by mail is being surrendered to an absentee voter board during in-person absentee voting at the office designated by the circuit court clerk or satellite early voting location. I have enclosed the original ballot in the security envelope provided to me for the officials to spoil before issuing a replacement ballot to complete at the clerk's office or early voting location.
6. *This paragraph does not apply to a defective ballot.* The following facts are known to me about how this ballot was destroyed, spoiled, or lost:

NOTE: In a primary election, the county election board must replace the absentee ballot of the political party (or public question only, if applicable) selected by the voter on their first approved absentee application. (IC 3-11-4-17.7(d); IC 3-11.5-4-2(b))

I request that the county election board provide me a replacement official ballot. The information set forth on my original application for an absentee ballot is still accurate. If it is not, I understand that I must fill out a new application (ABS-IN PERSON, ABS-TRAVELING BOARD, ABS-MAIL, ABS-VPD, or FPCA), as well as this form. I understand that after I receive the replacement ballot, I am required by state law to destroy the original absentee ballot if it comes into my possession.

I AFFIRM, UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, THAT ALL STATEMENTS I HAVE MADE ON THIS FORM ARE TRUE, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, ON THIS, THE _____ DAY OF _____, 20_____:

X _____
Signature Printed name

THIS REQUEST IS (check one box) ☐ APPROVED ☐ DENIED BY THE COUNTY ELECTION BOARD
DATE (month, day, year) _____/_____/20_____