

How Do I Return My Marked Ballot to the Early Voting Clerk?

1. **By Mail through the United States Postal Service; OR**
2. **By Common or Contract Carrier** (e.g., a mail or courier service provided by a private business). For more information on this delivery method, see “Special Rules for Delivery by Common and Contract Carriers,” below.); **OR**
3. **Hand Delivered, in-person by the Voter to the Early Voting Clerk’s office.** For the November 3, 2020 general election, the hand-delivery period has been extended. You may deliver your own personal ballot to the Early Voting Clerk’s Office during regular business hours any time after you receive and mark it. Please contact your local Early Voting Clerk’s Office at the phone number listed at the bottom of this notice if you have questions about their hours of operation. You may also hand-deliver your own personal ballot to the Early Voting Clerk’s Office on Election Day between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

You may only hand-deliver **your own** Carrier Envelope and not the Carrier Envelope for another individual. You will be asked to present an acceptable form of photo ID listed in Section 63.0101(a) of the Texas Election Code. If you do not possess and cannot reasonably obtain an acceptable form of photo ID, you can execute a Reasonable Impediment Declaration and provide a supporting form of identification listed in Section 63.0101(b) of the Texas Election Code. Also, if you have a Voter Registration Certificate containing the Disability Exemption (E) notation, you may present it. You will be asked to sign a signature roster.

The Carrier Envelope may only contain one voter’s ballot. However, more than one Carrier Envelope may be placed together in another envelope for mailing purposes if the additional Carrier Envelope(s) belongs to a person registered to vote at the same address (§ 86.006(b), Texas Election Code). A Carrier Envelope may not be collected and stored at another location for subsequent delivery to the Early Voting Clerk. It is a criminal offense for someone to knowingly possess an official ballot or official Carrier Envelope provided under this code of another individual without completing the assistant portion of the Carrier Envelope, unless the person is one of certain close relatives of the voter, physically living in the same dwelling, an Early Voting or Deputy Early Voting Clerk, or a U.S. Postal service or other delivery service employee working in the normal course of his or her job. It is also a criminal offense to be compensated for depositing Carrier Envelopes containing ballots voted by other persons (§ 86.0052, Texas Election Code). IF YOUR BALLOT IS RETURNED BY AN UNAUTHORIZED METHOD, IT WILL NOT BE COUNTED.