

as has the oath above directed to be printed on the State Ballot Envelope.

(e) *Instructions.* The printed instructions shall be as follows:

### Instruction to Voters

Enclosed herewith are a State Absentee Ballot, Ballot Envelope and a Return Envelope for use in returning the ballot. You are entitled to vote if you are a member of the Armed Forces of the United States. You are also entitled to vote if you are a member of the Merchant Marine, not in service or enrolled for service on the Great Lakes or Inland Waterways of the United States, with the American Red Cross, or other organizations covered by the Absentee Voting Law, serving with the armed forces of the United States outside of the United States.

(1) *Examine the ballot before marking.* When once marked, **DO NOT ERASE**, as an erasure will invalidate the ballot. Mark the ballot with either pencil or ink by placing an **X** in the block after each candidate for whom you wish to vote and in the appropriate block after each constitutional amendment, referendum or any other question (if any appear on the ballot), for or against which you wish to vote. Be sure not to vote for any number of candidates for any office greater than the number specified over the names of candidates for that office. The ballot should be marked **secretly**, **DO NOT SIGN YOUR NAME** or put on the ballot any mark of identification or any other mark except the **X** mark or the name of a written-in candidate. Fold the ballot in the same creases as before opening.

(2) Then enclose the ballot in the "Ballot Envelope" and seal the same.

(3) After sealing the Ballot Envelope, you **MUST**, in the presence of a witness fill in the blanks in the "Oath of Absentee Resident" on the Ballot Envelopes and sign (**DO NOT PRINT**) your name on the line indicated. You **MUST** then swear to the Oath before the witness who **MUST** fill in the date, sign **HIS** name and indicate **HIS** rank or official position in the space provided. **THE WITNESS MUST BE A COMMISSIONED OFFICER, NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER, NOT BELOW THE RANK OF SERGEANT, OR PETTY OFFICER.**

(4) It is absolutely necessary that the "Ballot Envelope" contains nothing but one ballot marked by you.

(5) Enclose the "Ballot Envelope" in the "Return Envelope", seal the "Return Envelope" and mail at once.

(6) The ballot may be marked and mailed at any time after you receive it but it must be received by the ~~Secretary of State~~ **Secretary of State in time to be delivered by him** to the appropriate Supervisors of Elections not later than the closing of the polls on election day. If it is not received prior to such closing, it will not be counted.

(7) If, in any election other than a primary, you desire not to vote for any of the candidates named for any office on the ballot, you may write in, in the appropriate blank space on the ballot, the name of the person of your choice for such office.