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**FAYETTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
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## **ELECTION BUREAU: VOTERS MUST TAKE STEPS TO ENSURE THEIR BALLOTS COUNT**

**Uniontown, PA** – With less than one week remaining until the 2020 General Election, voters have limited time to correct any outstanding ballot issues.

This week, Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf and Secretary of State Kathy Boockvar urged all mail-in and absentee voters to hand-deliver their ballots to their respective county election offices to guarantee they will be counted in time.

If you requested and were approved for a mail-in or absentee ballot but still have not received it, you should plan to do one of two things:

- Stop by the Fayette County Election Bureau before 8 p.m. Nov. 3 to receive a new ballot and vote in person that same day. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The office will also open 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31, for mail-in ballot drop-offs.
- Vote at your regular polling place. Inform poll workers that you did not receive your mail-in or absentee ballot and must vote by provisional ballot.

A provisional ballot counts the same as a regular ballot, but must be handled differently by election bureau staff to ensure its validity.

Earlier this week, election officials issued letters and calls to all voters whose mail-in and absentee ballots may not be accepted due to voter declaration errors. The proactive measure is an effort to ensure everyone's vote counts.

Although the Fayette County Election Bureau may have received your ballot, any mistakes made on the back of the outer return envelope of that ballot may invalidate it post-election.

If you were contacted regarding voter declaration mistakes made on the back of your ballot's outer return envelope, you should plan to:

- Stop by the Fayette County Election Bureau before 8 p.m. Nov. 3 to correct your ballot envelope.
- Vote at your regular polling place on Election Day to vote via provisional ballot.

You must bring identification to correct your ballot envelope at the election bureau. You will not be permitted to open the ballot envelope when correcting it. You will not be allowed to complete a different ballot.

Election officials are working to reissue mail-in and absentee ballots to constituents who successfully applied but did not receive them.

If you receive multiple ballots, you only need to complete one. Only one vote per person will be counted for the Presidential Election.

There is a single drop-off box for mail-in and absentee ballots in Fayette County. It is located at the Fayette County Election Bureau at 22 East Main Street in Uniontown.

Some voter questions can be answered by visiting [www.votespa.com](http://www.votespa.com), including registration status and where to vote. For more information, call the Fayette County Election Bureau at 724-430-1289.

To learn more about Fayette County, visit [www.FayetteCountyPA.org](http://www.FayetteCountyPA.org).

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