

How to “Cure” Your Ballot: Florida

What does “curing your ballot” even mean?

When a Vote-by-Mail or Provisional Ballot is rejected in Florida, the voter has the opportunity to rectify the problem and have their vote counted. Election officials are required to contact the voter who cast the ballot and provide them the opportunity to “cure” (correct) it. If a voter “cures” the ballot, it will be counted. In Florida, the curing process is primarily used to correct ballots with missing or mismatched signatures

How do I know if my ballot was rejected?

In Florida, the cure process is typically used to rectify signature errors on Vote-by-Mail or Provisional Ballots. Signature errors include failing to sign the ballot or a discrepancy between the signature on file and the signature on the ballot.

Ballots in Florida may also be rejected if it does not follow the procedures required by Fla. Stat. 101.65, such as:

- Voting for more than one candidate per race
- Failing to place the marked ballot in the secrecy envelope
- Failing to seal the mailing envelope
- Failing to fill out the Voter’s Certificate on the back of the mailing envelope
- Failing to include a Voter’s Certificate (first-time voters only)

But remember, **your ballot cannot legally be rejected for some minor mistakes**, such as:

- Not sealing the inner ballot envelope, as long as the outer return envelope is sealed
- The signature of the elector does not cross the seal of the mailing envelope

Remember: Florida does not have a witness requirement to complete a ballot certificate. A witness is not required to complete a Vote-by-Mail Ballot in Florida.

What should I do if my ballot is rejected?

If your ballot is rejected, you have a right to cure your ballot and have your vote counted. You have this right under Fla. Stat. § 101.68(4)(b).

Florida has a statewide process for curing flagged Vote-by-Mail and Provisional Ballots. In order to cure your ballot, you must fill out and return the [Vote-by-Mail Cure Affidavit](#) or [Provisional Ballot Cure Affidavit](#) depending on the type of ballot you submitted.



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In order to successfully cure your ballot, you must:

1. Complete and sign the affidavit
2. Make a copy of one of the following forms of valid ID:
 - a. **Tier 1 identification:** Current and valid ID that includes your name and photograph, such as a Florida driver license, Florida identification card, United States passport, military ID, student ID, Florida concealed weapon license, or an ID card issued by any branch, department, agency, or entity of the Federal Government, state, county, or municipality.
 - b. **Tier 2 identification (only if you do not possess a Tier 1 identification):** If you do not possess a Tier 1 identification, you may provide an identification that shows your name and current address, a current utility bill, a bank statement, a government check, a paycheck, or a government document, excluding a voter information card.
3. Return the completed affidavit and the copy of your valid ID to your county supervisor of elections in person or via fax, email, or mail. The address, fax number, and email of your Supervisor of election can be found [here](#).

Your cure affidavit **must reach your county supervisor of elections no later than 5:00 p.m. on the second day after the election (November 5th, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.), or your ballot will not count.**