



Absentee/Mail Ballot Verification

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Background

States use a variety of methods to verify that absentee and mail ballots were returned by the correct voter. Many states conduct rigorous signature verification processes or match identifying information such as driver’s license numbers, while some states only confirm the ballot is signed or the voter has affirmed their own identity.

Scoring

- State requires signature matching or uses other identifying information to verify absentee/mail ballots, 1 point
- State does not require signature matching or uses other identifying information to verify absentee/mail ballots, 0 points

Summary Table

Category	Number	List
State requires signature matching or other verification methods	37 states & D.C.	Alabama Alaska Arizona Arkansas California Colorado D.C. Florida Georgia Hawaii Idaho Illinois Indiana Kansas Kentucky Louisiana Maine Massachusetts Michigan Minnesota Mississippi Montana Nebraska Nevada New Jersey New Mexico New York



		North Dakota Ohio Oregon Pennsylvania Rhode Island South Dakota Tennessee Texas Utah Washington Wisconsin
State does not require signature verification or other methods	13 states	Connecticut Delaware Iowa Maryland Missouri New Hampshire North Carolina Oklahoma South Carolina Vermont Virginia West Virginia Wyoming

State-by-State Sources and More Detail

Alabama (1)

- State requires voters to submit a copy of photo ID with absentee ballot ([Alabama Code Title 17 § 17-9-30](#)).

Alaska (1)

- State requires voters to provide identifying information with absentee ballot which is verified before counting ([6 Alaska Admin. Code § 25.510](#)).

Arizona (1)

- State requires signature matching for absentee ballots ([Ariz. Rev. Stat. §16-547; §16-550](#)).

Arkansas (1)

- State requires voters to submit a copy of photo ID with absentee ballot in addition to other identifying information ([Ark. Code § 7-5-416](#)).

California (1)

- State requires signature matching for mail ballots ([Cal. Election Code § 3019](#)).



Colorado (1)

- State requires signature matching for mail ballots ([Colo. Rev. Stat. § 1-7.5-107.3](#)).

Connecticut (0)

- State does not require signature matching for absentee ballots ([CT Gen Stat § 9-150a](#)).

Delaware (0)

- State does not require signature matching for absentee ballots ([Del. Code tit. 15, § 5514](#)).

D.C. (1)

- Requires signature matching for absentee ballots ([D.C. Mun. Regs. tit. 3 § 808](#)).

Florida (1)

- State requires signature matching for absentee ballots ([Fla. Stat. § 101.68](#)).

Georgia (1)

- State requires signature matching for absentee ballots ([Ga. Code § 21-2-386\(a\)\(1\)\(B\)](#)).

Hawaii (1)

- State requires signature matching for mail ballots ([Haw. Rev. Stat. § 15-9\(c\)\(2\)](#)).

Idaho (1)

- State requires signature matching for absentee ballots ([Idaho Code § 34-1005](#)).

Illinois (1)

- State requires signature matching for absentee ballots ([10 ILCS 5/19-8](#)).

Indiana (1)

- State requires signature matching for absentee ballots ([Ind. Code § 3-11.5-4](#)).

Iowa (0)

- State does not require signature matching for absentee ballots ([Iowa Code §53.18](#)).

Kansas (1)

- State requires signature matching for absentee ballots ([Kan. Stat. § 25-433\(e\)](#)).

Kentucky (1)

- State requires signature matching for absentee ballots ([Ky. Rev. Stat. § 117.087\(3\)\(c\)\(5\)](#)).



Louisiana (1)

- State requires signature matching for absentee ballots ([La. Rev. Stat. §18:1313\(F\)](#)).

Maine (1)

- State requires signature matching for absentee ballots ([Me. Stat. tit. 21-A, § 756\(2\)](#)).

Maryland (0)

- State does not require signature matching for absentee ballots ([MD Code, Election Law, § 9-310](#)).

Massachusetts (1)

- State requires signature matching for absentee ballots ([MA ST 54 § 94](#)).

Michigan (1)

- State requires signature matching for absentee ballots ([Mich. Comp. Laws § 168.766](#)).

Minnesota (1)

- State requires voters to provide identifying information with absentee ballot which is verified before counting ([Minn. Stat. § 203B.121\(2\)\(b\)\(3\)](#)).

Mississippi (1)

- State requires signature matching for absentee ballots ([Miss. Code § 23-15-641](#)).

Missouri (0)

- State does not require signature matching for absentee ballots ([Mo. Rev. Stat. § 115.293](#)).

Montana (1)

- State requires signature matching for absentee ballots ([Mont. Code § 13-13-241\(1\)](#)).

Nebraska (1)

- State requires signature matching for absentee ballots ([Neb. Rev. Stat. § 32-957](#)).

Nevada (1)

- State requires signature matching for mail ballots ([Nev. Rev. Stat. § 293.325](#)).

New Hampshire (0)

- State does not require signature matching for absentee ballots ([N.H. Rev. Stat. § 659:50](#)).

New Jersey (1)

- State requires signature matching for absentee ballots ([N.J. Stat. § 19:63-17](#)).



New Mexico (1)

- State requires voters to provide identifying information with absentee ballot which is verified before counting ([N.M. Stat. Ann. § 1-6-4; § 1-6-8](#)).

New York (1)

- State requires signature matching for absentee ballots ([N.Y. Elec. Code § 9-209\(2\)\(a\)\(i\)\(C\)](#)).

North Carolina (0)

- State does not require signature matching for absentee ballots ([N.C. Gen. Stat. § 163-234\(11\)](#)).

North Dakota (1)

- State requires signature matching for absentee ballots ([N.D. Cent. Code § 16.1-07-09](#)).

Ohio (1)

- State requires signature matching for absentee ballots ([Ohio Rev. Code § 3509.06\(D\)\(1\)](#)).

Oklahoma (0)

- State does not require signature matching for absentee ballots ([Okla. Stat. tit. 26, § 14-123](#)).

Oregon (1)

- State requires signature matching for mail ballots ([Or. Rev. Stat. § 254.470\(9\)](#)).

Pennsylvania (1)

- State requires voters to provide identifying information with absentee ballot which is verified before counting ([25 Pa. Stat. § 3146.8](#)).

Rhode Island (1)

- State requires signature matching for absentee ballots ([R.I. Gen. Laws § 17-20-26](#)).

South Carolina (0)

- State does not require signature matching for absentee ballots ([S.C. Code § 7-15-420](#)).

South Dakota (1)

- State requires signature matching for absentee ballots ([S.D. Codified Laws § 12-19-10](#)).

Tennessee (1)

- State requires signature matching for absentee ballots ([Tenn. Code § 2-6-202\(g\)](#)).

Texas (1)

- State requires signature matching for absentee ballots ([Tex. Elec. Code § 87.041](#)).



Utah (1)

- State requires signature matching for mail ballots ([Utah Code § 20A-3a-401](#)).

Vermont (0)

- State does not require signature matching for absentee ballots ([Vt. Stat. tit. 17, § 2547\(a\)](#)).

Virginia (0)

- State does not require signature matching for absentee ballots ([Va. Code § 24.2-706](#)).

Washington (1)

- State requires signature matching for mail ballots ([Wash. Rev. Code §29A.40.091; §29A.40.110](#)).

West Virginia (0)

- State does not require signature matching for absentee ballots ([W. Va. Code § 3-3-8](#)).

Wisconsin (1)

- State requires voters to submit a copy of photo ID with absentee ballot ([Wis. Stat. Ann. §6.87; §6.88](#)).

Wyoming (0)

- State does not require signature matching for absentee ballots ([Wyo. Stat. § 22-9-121\(a\)](#)).