

## Joseph Caissie

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**From:** Thompson, Carol A (GOV) <carol.thompson@alaska.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 25, 2014 12:45 PM  
**To:** Joseph Caissie  
**Cc:** Fenumiai, Gail M (GOV)  
**Subject:** RE: Absentee Information

At this time the state is not bearing any costs. If we were to provide postage paid return envelopes, we would bear the cost of the 49 to 70 cents to mail the ballot and an additional 83 cents handling fee charged by the USPS.

Depending upon the number of issues on a ballot determines the size of the ballot which can range in size from 8.5 x 11, 8.5 x 14 and 8.5 x 17 inches. Due to the size and weight of the ballot will change the amount of postage needed. For example, for the recent primary election it was an 8.5 x 11 inch ballot and the cost to return the ballot was 49 cents. In the recent general election the ballot was an 8.5 x 17 inch ballot and the cost to return the ballot was 70 cents.

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**From:** Joseph Caissie [mailto:Joseph.Caissie@akleg.gov]  
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Do you know if the 83 cents is currently borne by the state? We are looking for the additional cost to the state if we were to send postage-paid envelopes.

And the cost would vary every election, depending on the size of the ballot?

Thanks,  
Joe

**From:** Thompson, Carol A (GOV) [mailto:carol.thompson@alaska.gov]  
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Dear Mr. Caissie:

Per your request, please find attached instruction for the 2014 General Election that spoke to the amount of postage needed for a voter mail their voted ballot.

The cost to the state to provide postage paid envelopes to voters would be the cost to mail the ballot which can range from 49 cents to 70 cents per ballot package depending upon the size of the ballot plus an additional handling fee for each ballot package of 83 cents.

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