

Voting by Absentee Ballot

Any registered voter may vote by absentee ballot. You do not need to be ill or "absent" to be an absentee voter.

You may request an absentee ballot as early as 45 days before an election. (No absentee ballots are issued on election day except to hospitalized voters). **The request for an absentee ballot must be made to your county auditor or elections department** (not to the Secretary of State).

One-time absentee ballot requests may be made either by phone, fax or by mail. You may also apply – in writing – to automatically receive an absentee ballot before each election. Just send an [absentee ballot request form](#) to your [county auditor or elections department](#).

NOTE: Absentee ballots must be signed and postmarked or delivered to the county election officer **on or before election day**.

Requesting an Absentee Ballot

To receive an absentee ballot, print the [absentee ballot request form](#), fill it out, and mail it to your [county auditor or elections department](#). You may also request an absentee ballot by phone or by fax. *(Note: If*

you are signing up to become an ongoing absentee voter, you must do so in writing. Just check the "all future elections" option on the absentee ballot request form). Be sure to sign the form before sending it in.

Also, please keep in mind that absentee ballots must be signed and postmarked or delivered to the county election officer **on or before election day**.

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