Absentee Voting

What is absentee voting and how does it work?
★ Absentee voting allows you to cast your ballot without having to go to your polling place on Election Day.
★ Any registered voter may cast an absentee ballot.
★ You do not need to have a specific reason to request an absentee ballot.

How do I get an absentee ballot?
★ Request a ballot online from the Maine Secretary of State’s website.
⇒ Scan the QR code below for the absentee ballot request form.

Do I need to apply for an absentee ballot for each election?
★ Not anymore. Individuals with disabilities and those over the age of 65 can now request ongoing absentee voter status. Scan the QR for more

When can I request an absentee ballot?
★ You may apply for an absentee ballot as early as three months before Election Day.

What is in-person absentee voting?
★ This is when you cast an absentee ballot at your town clerk’s office. In-person absentee voting starts 30 days before the election.
What is the deadline to request an absentee ballot?

★ The deadline to request an absentee ballot is at 5pm the Thursday before Election Day.

What if I missed the deadline?

★ There are exceptions to the deadline to request a special circumstances ballot. These include:
  - Having a physical disability;
  - Unexpectedly being absent from your municipality on election day;
  - Incapacity or illness rendering a person (or their caregiver) unable to leave their home or treatment facility; and
  - Inability to travel to the polls as a resident of a coastal island.

Is there another way to receive an absentee ballot?

★ You may make a written request for a third person (someone other than you or an immediate family member) to obtain and hand-deliver an absentee ballot.

What is the deadline for returning my absentee ballot?

★ Absentee ballots must be received by your town or city clerk by 8pm on Election Day.

Tip: Request an absentee ballot early so it is received by the deadline.

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