

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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