

ABSENTEE VOTING

Registered Missourians who expect to be prevented from going to their polling place on Election Day may vote absentee beginning six weeks prior to an election.

Absentee voters must provide one of the following reasons for voting absentee:

1. Absence on Election Day from the jurisdiction of the election authority in which such voter is registered to vote;
2. Incapacity or confinement due to illness or physical disability, including a person who is primarily responsible for the physical care of a person who is incapacitated or confined due to illness or disability;
3. Religious belief or practice;
4. Employment as an election authority, as a member of an election authority, or by an election authority at a location other than such voter's polling place;
5. Incarceration, provided all qualifications for voting are retained.
6. Certified participation in the address confidentiality program established under sections 589.660 to 589.681 because of safety concerns.

Voters can request absentee ballots from their local election authority in person or by fax. Faxed absentee ballot requests should be submitted to the appropriate local election authority. Relatives within the second degree (spouse, parents and children) may complete an absentee ballot application, in person, on behalf of the voter who wishes to vote absentee. **DO NOT SEND ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE. ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS MUST BE SENT TO THE APPROPRIATE LOCAL ELECTION AUTHORITY BY THE DEADLINE IN ORDER TO BE VALID.** Contact information for local election authorities and an absentee ballot application form may be found below.

Benton County Clerk's Office

316 Van Buren

Warsaw, MO 65355

(660) 438-7326

(660) 438-3275

Mail in or faxed absentee ballot requests must be received by the election authority no later than the 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday prior to any election. Voters can vote by absentee in the office of the local election authority until 5:00 p.m. the night before the election.

Voters requesting an absentee ballot by mail who have registered by mail and have not voted in person are required to submit a copy of their personal identification unless they provided a copy with their registration application. Examples of acceptable identification are:

1. Identification issued by the state of Missouri, an agency of the state, or a local election authority of the state;
2. Identification issued by the United States government or agency thereof;
3. Identification issued by an institution of higher education, including a university, college, vocational and technical school, located within the state of Missouri;
4. A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other government document that contains the name and address of the voter;

5. Driver's license or state identification card issued by another state; or
6. Other identification approved by the secretary of state under rules promulgated pursuant to subsection 3 of this section other identification approved by federal law.

This identification requirement, as well as the notary requirement for absentee ballots, does not apply to overseas voters, those on active military duty or members of their immediate family living with them or voters who are permanently disabled and their caregivers.

Additional information for military and overseas voters may be found at the section entitled [Military and Overseas Voters](#).

REQUEST FOR MISSOURI ABSENTEE BALLOT

I, _____, do hereby request an absentee ballot for the
Printed name

Election Date Election.

For identification purposes, the last four digits of my social security number are: _____.
If this is a primary election, please print the name of the political party ballot you wish to receive: _____.

Reason for requesting an absentee ballot:

- _____ Absence on Election Day from the jurisdiction of the election authority in which I am registered
- _____ Incapacity or confinement due to illness or physical disability, including caring for a person who is incapacitated or confined due to illness or disability
- _____ Religious belief or practice
- _____ Employment as an election authority or by an election authority at a location other than my polling place
- _____ Incarceration, although I have retained all the necessary qualifications for voting
- _____ Certified participation in the address confidentiality program established under sections 589.660 to 589.681 because of safety concerns.

Address where I am registered to vote:

(Street Address)

(City, State, Zip Code)

Address where ballot is to be mailed:

(Street Address or PO Box)

(City, State, Zip Code)

Telephone number: _____
(Include Area Code)

I do solemnly swear that all statements made on this application are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Registered Voter Date

Mail this completed form to your local election authority. Addresses can be found [on the Missouri Secretary of State's website](#). Missouri law requires that requests for absentee ballots must be received by 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday prior to Election Day if the ballot is mailed. The deadline for absentee voting in person in the office of the election authority is 5:00 p.m. on the day before the election. If you registered by mail and this is your first time voting, you must provide a copy of either: (1) an ID issued by the Federal Government, state of Missouri, or a local election authority; (2) ID issued by a Missouri institution (public or private) of higher education; (3) a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check or other government document that contains your name and address; or (4) a driver's license or state identification card issued by another state.