



## VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

Any registered qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Day may request to vote an absentee ballot. A qualified elector is any U.S. citizen, who will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day, who has resided in the ward or municipality where he or she wishes to vote for at least 28 days before the election.

All voters must be registered. If have not previously registered to vote, you can mail a voter registration form and proof of residence together with your absentee ballot request. Voter Registration Forms are available on the Government Accountability Board Website. Please note that the deadline for registering by mail is 20 days preceding an election.

**TO OBTAIN AN ABSENTEE BALLOT YOU MUST MAKE A REQUEST IN WRITING.**

**Contact your municipal clerk** and request that an application for an absentee ballot be sent to you for the primary or election or both. You may also request an absentee ballot by letter. Requests must list your voting address within the municipality where you wish to vote, the address where the absentee ballot should be sent, if different, and your signature.

Special absentee voting application provisions apply to electors who are indefinitely confined at home or a care facility, members of the military, hospitalized electors, or voters serving as a sequestered juror. If this applies to you, contact the **municipal clerk**.

You can also personally go to the clerk's office, complete and vote an absentee ballot.

**THE DEADLINE FOR MAKING APPLICATION TO VOTE ABSENTEE BY MAIL IS 5:00 P.M. 5 DAYS PRECEDING THE ELECTION.**

**VOTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE IS STARTS THE 3<sup>RD</sup> MONDAY PRECEDING AN ELECTION AND ENDS AT 5:00 P.M. ON THE FRIDAY PRECEDING THE ELECTION.**

**ALL VOTED BALLOTS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE MUNICIPAL CLERK SO THE CLERK CAN DELIVER THEM TO THE PROPER POLLING PLACE BEFORE THE POLLS CLOSE.**

**BALLOTS RECEIVED BY MAIL BY 4:00 PM THE FRIDAY AFTER THE ELECTION WILL BE COUNTED IF THEY WERE POSTMARKED BY ELECTION DAY.**

**To obtain an absentee ballot, send a written request to the Municipal Clerk.**