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# Offices on the Ballot

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## FEDERAL

- President/Vice President
- U.S. House of Representatives (7 seats)

## STATE

- Alabama Supreme Court Chief Justice
- Alabama Supreme Court (Places 1,2,3, and 4)
- Court of Criminal Appeals (3 seats)
- Court of Civil Appeals (3 seats)

## STATE

- Public Service Commission (President)
- State Board of Education (Districts 1,3,5, and 7)
- Circuit Court Judges (various-seats)
- District Court Judges (various-seats)

## COUNTY

- Various County Offices

# Important Dates for Election 2024

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## PRIMARY ELECTION — [MARCH 5, 2024](#)

February 16	Last day to hand-deliver voter registration forms.
February 17	Last day to postmark voter registration forms.
February 19	Last day to register to vote electronically.
February 27	Last day to apply for an absentee ballot to mail.
February 29	Last day for voter to apply for an absentee ballot in person.
March 4	Last day for voter to hand-deliver absentee ballot.
March 5	Absentee ballots returned by mail must be received by noon.*

## PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION (IF NECESSARY) — [APRIL 2, 2024](#)

March 18	Voter registration deadline.
March 26	Last day to apply for an absentee ballot by mail.
March 28	Last day for voter to apply for an absentee ballot in person.
April 1	Last day for voter to hand-deliver absentee ballot.
April 2	Absentee ballots returned by mail must be received by noon.*

## GENERAL ELECTION — [NOVEMBER 5, 2024](#)

October 21	Voter registration deadline.
October 29	Last day to apply for an absentee ballot by mail.
October 31	Last day for voter to apply for an absentee ballot in person.
November 4	Last day for voter to hand-deliver an absentee ballot.
November 5	Absentee ballots returned by mail must be received by noon.*

\*Except for persons casting absentee ballots pursuant to the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA voters). See pages 11 and 12.

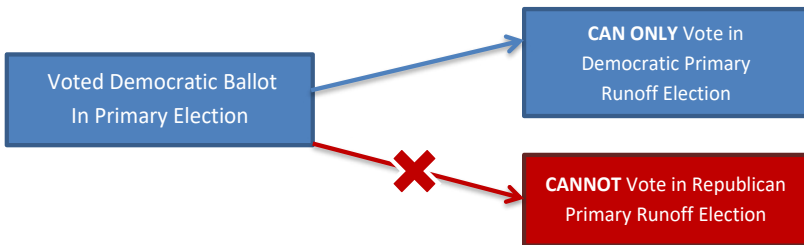
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## Cross Over Voting Rules

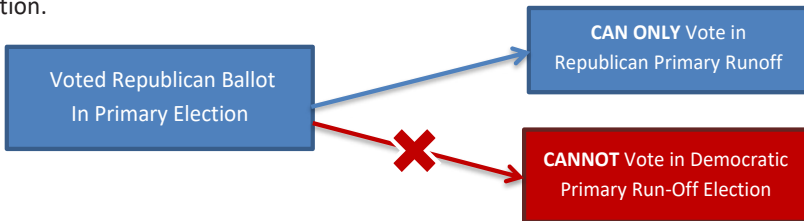
Effective August 1, 2017

According to **Act #2017-340, Section 2(a)**, *if an elector votes in a Primary Election, that elector may vote in a subsequent Primary Runoff Election only if they voted in the Primary Election of the same political party for which the Runoff Election is being held. Voters who did not vote in a Primary Election, may choose either party's ballot in a Primary Runoff Election.*

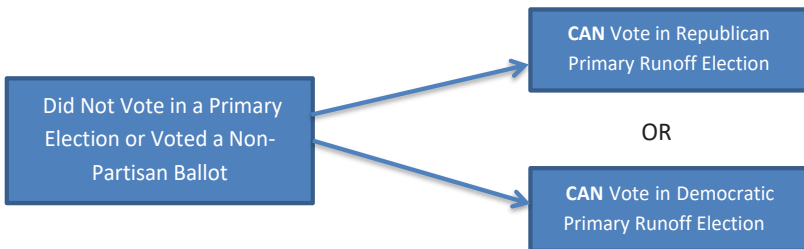
**Explanation:** If you vote in the Democratic Primary Election, you may only vote in the Democratic Runoff Election. You may not cross over and vote in the Republican Runoff Election.



**Explanation:** If you vote in the Republican Primary Election, you may only vote in the Republican Runoff Election. You may not cross over and vote in the Democratic Runoff Election.



**Explanation:** If you did not vote in a Primary Election, you may choose either a Democratic or Republican ballot in a Runoff Election.



*The Cross Over Rule starts over with each election cycle and only applies to Primary and Primary Runoff Elections. It does not apply to a General Election.*

# VOTER REGISTRATION

## Registration Requirements

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Any person may register to vote, provided that they:

- are a citizen of the United States;
- live in Alabama;
- are at least 18 years old on or before election day;
- are not barred from voting due to a disqualifying felony conviction; and
- have not been declared mentally incompetent by a court.

Applicants may register the same day that they move into the state. Victims of domestic violence, guardians of victims of domestic violence, Federal and State prosecutors, Federal, State, Probate and Municipal Judges, Law Enforcement Officers, Legislators, and spouses of any of the aforementioned are entitled to special legal protections related to personal identifying information. For further information, contact the Secretary of State or your local Board of Registrars.

## When to Register

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Voter registration is open all year, except during the 14 days prior to an election and on Election Day. Voter registration is closed to provide enough time to compile the voter list for the election. Voter registration applications may be submitted online at [alabamavotes.gov](http://alabamavotes.gov). Paper registration forms must be postmarked, hand-delivered to the Board of Registrars, or submitted at participating agency-based voter registration locations no later than the registration deadline for an election. See page 4 for related information.

## Keeping Your Registration Up-to-Date

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A voter should immediately notify their county Board of Registrars of any changes, such as a change in name or address. The law requires that any voter whose name or address is not correct on the voter list must provide current information before being allowed to vote. The forms to update registration information are available at all polling places on Election Day. If a voter moves to another county within the state, they must re-register in the new county of residence by the registration deadline for that election.

## Restoration of Voting Rights

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An individual who is barred from registering and voting by reason of a disqualifying felony conviction may request to have their voting rights restored by applying for a “Certificate of Eligibility to Register to Vote.” An individual may qualify for a

“Certificate of Eligibility to Register to Vote” if they have fulfilled all terms of the sentence for the disqualifying felony conviction. For further information, contact the Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles at 334-353-7771 or [pardons.state.al.us](https://pardons.state.al.us).

## Where and How to Register

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A citizen may register to vote:

- ♦ online at [alabamavotes.gov](https://alabamavotes.gov) if they have an Alabama driver’s license or nondriver identification card;
- ♦ by using the Vote for Alabama app, if they have an Alabama driver’s license or nondriver identification card;
- ♦ when applying for or renewing a State of Alabama driver’s license or nondriver identification card;
- ♦ at state and local government offices when applying or recertifying for Aid to Dependent Children, SNAP, TANF, Food Stamps, WIC, Medicaid, or Rehabilitation Services;
- ♦ at armed forces recruiting stations;
- ♦ at the Board of Registrars located at the county seat in the voter’s county of residence;
- ♦ by mail-in form available at Probate Judge and License Commissioner offices, colleges, universities, public schools, or libraries. A mail-in registration form may also be obtained by calling their county Board of Registrars or the Elections Division in the Office of the Secretary of State at 1-800-274-VOTE (8683); or
- ♦ by mail-in form downloaded from the Secretary of State’s website at [alabamavotes.gov](https://alabamavotes.gov).

## Political Party Registration

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Alabama does not have a party registration law. Therefore, a citizen does not declare a political party preference when registering to vote.

## 2024 Voter Registration Deadlines

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**Feb  
19**

**\*PRIMARY**

**Mar  
18**

**RUNOFF**

**Oct  
21**

**GENERAL**

\*Last day to hand-deliver voter registration forms.

\*Last day to postmark voter registration forms.

\*Last day to register to vote electronically.

# AT THE POLLING PLACE

## My Polling Place

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The county Board of Registrars sends a voter information card to each voter that includes the address of that voter's polling place. A voter who has not received this card should contact the county Board of Registrars for information on their polling place. A voter can also verify their polling place on the Secretary of State's website at [alabamavotes.gov](http://alabamavotes.gov). For municipal elections, check with the City Clerk.

## Polling Place Hours

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Alabama polling places are open from 7 AM to 7 PM on the day of the election. Please note that polling places located in the Eastern Time Zone may be open from 7 AM to 7 PM Eastern Time.

## Voting Procedure

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1. The voter appears at the polling place and provides their name to a poll worker. The voter must also present an acceptable form of photo identification. Acceptable forms of photo identification are listed on page 6.
2. A poll worker checks the voter's name against the list of registered voters for that precinct. If the voter has an "I" by their name, the voter needs to update their voter registration information. Before being allowed to vote, the voter must complete a Voter Update Form that is available at the polling place.
3. The voter signs a poll list. If the election is a party primary, the voter must state which party's primary they wish to vote in and then must sign that party's poll list. If the election is a Primary Runoff, the voter must vote in the Runoff of the same political party they chose for the Primary Election. If the voter did not participate in the Primary Election, the voter must choose which political party's Runoff Election they wish to vote in. See page 2 for cross over voting rules.
4. The voter marks their ballot and then casts their vote.

**VOTING PROCEDURES VARY** according to the type of equipment used. For more specific information, look for instructions printed in large type that should be visible at each polling place. Poll workers will also provide information on voting procedures at the voter's request. Poll workers are not allowed to tell a citizen for whom to vote or to attempt to influence a voter's choices in any way.

**REPLACEMENT BALLOTS** are available if the voter makes a mistake in marking their ballot or if the ballot gets torn or otherwise damaged. The voter should take the original ballot to a poll worker and request a replacement ballot. The poll worker will issue a new ballot and place the original ballot in an envelope marked "spoiled ballots" for security purposes.

**PROHIBITIONS:** Act 2021-535 prohibits any voting machine from being installed or operated outside of the interior of the enclosed building designated as a voting place. Additionally, no ballots shall be taken into or out of any voting place, except in performing the authorized pre-election and post-election duties of transporting ballots. Act 2021-488 prohibits any voter in this state from voting more than once, or attempting to vote more than once, in any election held in this state, or who votes in both this state and another state or territory in the same or equivalent election. The Act also prohibits any voter from attempting to vote when they have knowledge that they are not entitled to vote, or to commit any kind of unlawful or fraudulent voting.

## If a Voter's Name is not on the List of Voters

If a person's name does not appear on the list of registered voters for the polling place, the poll worker should contact the county Board of Registrars to determine if the person is eligible to vote at that polling place. If the Board of Registrars is unable to verify the person's voter registration, the voter may vote a provisional ballot.

## Photo Voter Identification

A voter must present one of the following forms of identification before they will be permitted to vote. A voter who does not have one of these forms of photo identification is eligible for a free Alabama Photo Voter ID card.

- Valid Alabama Driver's License - including Alabama Law Enforcement Agency Digital Driver's License (not expired or expired less than 60 days)
- Valid Alabama Nondriver ID - including Alabama Law Enforcement Agency Digital Nondriver ID (not expired or expired less than 60 days)
- Valid free Alabama Photo Voter ID card
- Valid State-issued ID (Alabama or any other state)
- Valid Federal-issued ID
- Valid U.S. passport
- Valid Employee ID from Federal Government, State of Alabama, County, Municipality, Board, or other entity of this state, Valid student or employee ID from a public or private college or university in the State of Alabama (including postgraduate technical or professional schools)
- Valid student or employee ID issued by a state institution of higher learning in any other state

Examples:

- Valid Pistol Permit (Photo Required)
- Valid AL Movement/Booking Sheet from Prison/Jail System (Photo Required)
- Valid AL Department of Corrections Release - Temporary

- Valid Military ID
- Valid Tribal ID

*For Additional information on photo voter identification, visit:*  
[alabamavotes.gov](http://alabamavotes.gov)

## If a Voter does not have a Valid Photo ID

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A voter must present a valid form of photo identification to be eligible to vote. A list of valid photo IDs is provided on page 6. A voter who does not have a valid form of photo ID can vote a regular ballot if their name appears on the official voters list and they are positively identified by two (2) election officials. If the voter does not have a valid form of photo ID and cannot be positively identified by two (2) election officials, they may vote a provisional ballot. See pages 7 and 8 for more information on voting a provisional ballot.

## Exemptions from Photo Voter Identification

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**A VOTER WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE MILITARY OR WHO RESIDES OVERSEAS** and is eligible to vote by absentee ballot pursuant to the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) is not required to provide ID when voting an absentee ballot. The term “UOCAVA voter” includes anyone who is a member of the Uniformed Services (including their spouse and dependents), Merchant Marines, commissioned corps of the Public Health Service, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. It also includes anyone who is a U.S. citizen residing overseas whose last place of residency prior to moving overseas was in Alabama.

**ELDERLY VOTERS AND VOTERS WITH A DISABILITY WHOSE POLLING PLACE IS INACCESSIBLE** — A voter who is entitled to vote by absentee ballot pursuant to the **Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act** or any other federal law **shall not be required to produce identification when voting by absentee ballot.** Voters who fall under this category can check a box on their absentee ballot application, which will indicate that their polling place is 1) inaccessible and 2) they are elderly (age 65 or older) or are disabled. The Absentee Election Manager will not require an ID in order for these absentee ballots to be counted. A polling place is considered inaccessible if a disabled or elderly voter is unable to access their assigned polling place due to a neurological, musculoskeletal, respiratory, cardiovascular, or other life-altering disorder that affects the ability to perform manual tasks, stand for any length of time, walk unassisted, see, hear, or speak.

## Voting a Provisional Ballot

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A provisional ballot is voted the same as any other ballot except the voter must 1) sign an affidavit attesting to their eligibility to vote and 2) complete a voter update form.

**NAME NOT ON THE POLL LIST** — The provisional ballot will be counted only if the county Board of Registrars is able to confirm that the person casting the ballot is a duly qualified elector of the polling place where the ballot was cast.



## **NO PHOTO ID AT THE POLLING PLACE AND CANNOT BE POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED BY TWO ELECTION OFFICIALS**

— The voter has until 5 PM on the Friday following the election to submit a valid form of photo ID to the Board of Registrars. (See page 6) If proper ID is submitted by this deadline, the ballot will be counted as long as the other requirements were met. A voter who does not possess a valid photo ID on Election Day has until that Friday to obtain a valid photo ID and submit it to the Board of Registrars.

## **NO PHOTO ID INCLUDED WITH ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION**

— A voter may cast a provisional ballot if they did not include a valid photo ID with their application for an absentee ballot on or after the eighth day prior to an election.

## **ABSENTEE BALLOT NEVER RECEIVED OR CAST**

— A voter may cast a provisional ballot if they did not receive the requested absentee ballot or the voter did not vote the absentee ballot.

## **VOTER OBJECTS TO THE POLITICAL PARTY INDICATED ON THE LIST OF REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION**

— The provisional ballot will be counted only if the Board of Registrars can confirm that the provisional ballot from the Primary Runoff election is of the same political party as the voter's Primary Election ballot.

## **Marked Sample Ballots**

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Voters may take marked sample ballots into the polling place provided these items are used personally and are not distributed to others in the polling place. The voter should not leave these items in the polling place.

## **Campaigning on Election Day**

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Campaigning is allowed on Election Day as long as it is done at least 30 feet from the door of the building where the polling place is located. If the polling place is located in a room within a building, campaigning must not be closer than 30 feet from the entrance of the building.

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# **VOTER ASSISTANCE**

Any voter who wishes to have assistance is entitled to receive help. The voter may ask anyone (except their employer, an agent of the employer, or an officer or agent of the voter's union) to give that assistance. If the voter does not request a specific individual, a poll worker may assist the voter at the request of the voter.

## **Polling Place Provision for Elderly/Disabled**

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A polling official may allow a voter who is physically disabled or over the age of 70 to move to the front of the line at a polling place upon request of the voter.

## Time in the Voting Booth

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A voter remaining in a voting booth (or in the polling place where paper ballots are used) for four (4) minutes or longer may be asked by a poll worker if assistance is needed.

**IF THE VOTER DOES NOT WANT ASSISTANCE**, they are permitted to remain for one (1) additional minute. At the end of that minute, if individuals are waiting to vote, the voter may be informed that time is up and may be asked to leave. If there is no line, the voter may have as much time as necessary to finish voting.

**IF THE VOTER WANTS ASSISTANCE**, they may have at least five (5) additional minutes to vote. At the end of the time, if others are waiting to vote, the assisted voter may be told that time is up and may be asked to leave the polling place. However, if there are no voters waiting, the assisted voter shall have as much time as necessary to finish voting.

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## ACCESSIBILITY

Polling places should be accessible to people with disabilities. At every polling place, there will be voting equipment to accommodate voters with disabilities so that they can vote without assistance. If your specific disability is not accommodated, please contact your county's Probate Judge or the Secretary of State.

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## ELECTION PROCESS

The laws governing each type of election may vary. For example, Primary Elections are different from General Elections.

## Types of Elections

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**PRIMARY ELECTION** — Held by the political parties to select each party's nominee for the General Election. In the Primary, separate party ballots are printed, and the voter must choose between the ballot with Democrats running against other Democrats or the one on which Republicans run against other Republicans.

If there are three (3) or more candidates in a race, and if no one receives a majority of the votes cast, then a second Primary Election, or Runoff Election, is held between the two (2) candidates who receive the highest number of votes in the first Primary. The winner of this Runoff Election will be the party nominee.

**GENERAL ELECTION** — Held to determine which candidate, regardless of political party, independent, or write-in status, will occupy each office that is up for election. In the General Election, a voter may split the ticket to select candidates from all parties on the ballot or to select independent or write-in candidates. However, a voter may choose only one candidate per office.

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION** — Held when constitutional amendments appear on the ballot. In a Primary Election, if a voter does not want to participate in one of the party primaries, they may vote on the amendments only.

**SPECIAL ELECTION** — Like a constitutional amendment election, a Special Election may be held to place specific issues before the voters, such as whether or not a county or city will permit alcohol sales within its jurisdiction or will raise certain taxes. A Special Election may also be held to fill a vacancy in certain types of offices, such as U.S. Representative, State Senator, or State Representative.

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## ABSENTEE VOTING

### Eligibility

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In the 2022 elections, a voter may cast an absentee ballot if they:

- ◆ **EXPECT TO BE ABSENT FROM THE COUNTY** on Election Day;
- ◆ **ARE ILL OR HAVE A PHYSICAL INFIRMITY** that prevents a trip to the polling place (see page 7 regarding an exemption to the photo voter identification requirement);
- ◆ **ARE A REGISTERED ALABAMA VOTER LIVING OUTSIDE THE COUNTY** including but not limited to, members of the armed forces or a spouse or dependent of such a person, or a U.S. citizen residing overseas or students at an educational institution located outside their county of residence;
- ◆ **ARE AN APPOINTED ELECTION OFFICER OR POLL WATCHER** at a polling place other than their regular polling place;
- ◆ **EXPECT TO WORK A REQUIRED SHIFT WHICH HAS AT LEAST 10 HOURS** that coincide with polling hours;
- ◆ **ARE A CAREGIVER** for a family member to the second degree of kinship by affinity or consanguinity and the family member is confined to their own home; or
- ◆ **ARE INCARCERATED IN PRISON/JAIL** and have not been convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude. (For a list of felonies involving moral turpitude, please visit the Secretary of State's website.)

## Business/Medical Emergency Voting

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Applications for business and medical emergency voting can be made after the absentee deadline but no later than 5 PM on the day before the election, if the voter:

- ♦ has a medical emergency requiring treatment from a licensed physician within five (5) days of an election;
- ♦ is required by an employer due to unforeseen circumstances within five (5) days before an election to be unavailable at the polls on Election Day;
- ♦ is a caregiver of a person who requires emergency treatment by a licensed physician within five (5) days before an election; or
- ♦ has a family member to the second degree of kinship by affinity or consanguinity (voter or voter's spouse's parents, grandparents, siblings, children or grandchildren) to pass away within five (5) days before an election.

In addition to application information outlined on page 12, the **emergency application** contains an affidavit acknowledging that the voter was not aware of the circumstances prior to the normal absentee ballot deadline. The **application for medical emergency** requires that the attending physician describe and certify the circumstances as constituting an emergency.

## Military and Citizens Residing Overseas

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Alabama citizens who are members of the Uniformed Services and their spouse and dependents, Merchant Marines, commissioned corps of the Public Health Service, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Alabama overseas citizens (also known as UOCAVA voters) have **two (2) options** as to how they can receive their blank absentee ballots: by electronic transmission or by U.S. Mail.

To request electronic transmission of the blank ballot, UOCAVA voters must mark the appropriate box and provide an email address on the State of Alabama "UOCAVA Application for Absentee Ballot" available from the Secretary of State's website, [alabamavotes.gov](http://alabamavotes.gov). They may also mark "email/online" and provide an email address on the Federal Post Card Application available from their Voting Assistance Officer or from the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) website, [fvap.gov](http://fvap.gov).

UOCAVA voters **may return their ballot by U.S. Mail or by a commercial carrier**. UOCAVA voters who are overseas **may return their ballot electronically**. Please note that if returning the ballot by commercial air or ground carrier, the date the ballot is tendered to the carrier is considered the postmark date. UOCAVA voters should ensure that their ballot is postmarked or tendered to the commercial carrier no later than the day of the election in which they are casting a ballot.

UOCAVA voters are no longer required to have their ballot's affidavit envelope notarized. However, the affidavit on the envelope must be witnessed by two (2) persons who are 18 years of age or older.

UOCAVA voters may find additional information on absentee voting on the Secretary of State's website at [alabamavotes.gov](http://alabamavotes.gov) or from the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) at [fvap.gov](http://fvap.gov). Please note that the FVAP website provides information for UOCAVA voters only.

## Citizens with Permanent Disabilities

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Citizens who have a permanent disability which prevents them from attending the polls may apply for an absentee ballot on an annual basis. The application is valid for all federal, state, county, and municipal elections in the calendar year and must be renewed annually. A voter who is permanently disabled must provide verification from their primary physician. The application must be signed and notarized by the voter's primary physician.

Voters submitting an absentee application on the basis of being permanently disabled must submit their application to the Absentee Election Manager. For absentee application deadlines for the 2022 election cycle, please see page I or page 13.

## Absentee Ballot Application

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To apply for an absentee ballot, write or visit the local Absentee Election Manager (usually the Circuit Clerk) and provide the following:

- name and residential address;
- a copy (not the original) of the voter's photo identification;
- election for which the ballot is requested;
- reason for absence from the polls on Election Day;
- party choice, if the election is a party primary;\*
- address to which the ballot should be mailed; and
- voter's signature (if a mark is made in place of a signature, it must be witnessed).

Absentee ballot applications may also be downloaded from the Secretary of State's website, [alabamavotes.gov](http://alabamavotes.gov).

*\* It is not necessary to give a party choice for a General Election. However, in a party primary, a voter may participate in only one political party's primary, thus a choice must be designated so that the appropriate ballot can be provided. If the voter declines or fails to designate a choice for a Primary or Primary Runoff ballot, the Absentee Election Manager may send only the ballot for constitutional amendments.*

The absentee ballot application must be returned to the Absentee Election Manager **by U.S. Mail or by commercial carrier** no later than the seventh day prior to the election or **by the voter in person** no later than the fifth day prior to the election.

Upon receiving the absentee ballot application, the Absentee Election Manager may request additional evidence on the reason for voting absentee if the voter has a history of continuous absentee voting.

**APPLICATIONS FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL AND OVERSEAS CITIZENS —**

Applications submitted by military personnel, their spouses or dependents, and U.S. citizens residing overseas are valid for all federal, state, and county elections in the current calendar year. However, these voters should ensure that they keep their mailing and email addresses updated with their county Board of Registrars and with their Absentee Election Manager.

**APPLICATIONS FOR CITIZENS WITH PERMANENT DISABILITIES —**

Applications submitted by citizens who are permanently disabled and cannot attend the polls are valid for all federal, state, county, and municipal elections in the current calendar year. However, these voters should ensure that they keep their mailing addresses updated with their county Board of Registrars and with their Absentee Election Manager.

## 2024 Absentee Voting Deadlines

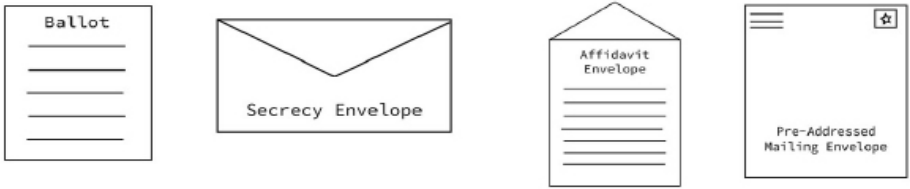
	PRIMARY	RUNOFF	GENERAL
Absentee Voting Begins <i>no later than date shown</i>	<b>JAN 10</b>	<b>MAR 19</b>	<b>SEP 11</b>
Absentee Application Mail Delivery Deadline	<b>FEB 27</b>	<b>MAR 26</b>	<b>OCT 29</b>
Absentee Application Hand-Delivery Deadline	<b>FEB 29</b>	<b>MAR 28</b>	<b>OCT 31</b>
Absentee Ballot Hand-Delivery Deadline	<b>MAR 4</b>	<b>APRIL 1</b>	<b>NOV 4</b>
Absentee Ballot Mail Delivery Deadline <i>must be received no later than noon on Election Day</i>	<b>MAR 5</b>	<b>APRIL 2</b>	<b>NOV 5</b>
Absentee UOCAVA Ballot Receipt Deadline <i>must be postmarked no later than Election Day</i>	<b>MAR 12</b>	<b>APRIL 9</b>	<b>NOV 12</b>

## Absentee Voting Process

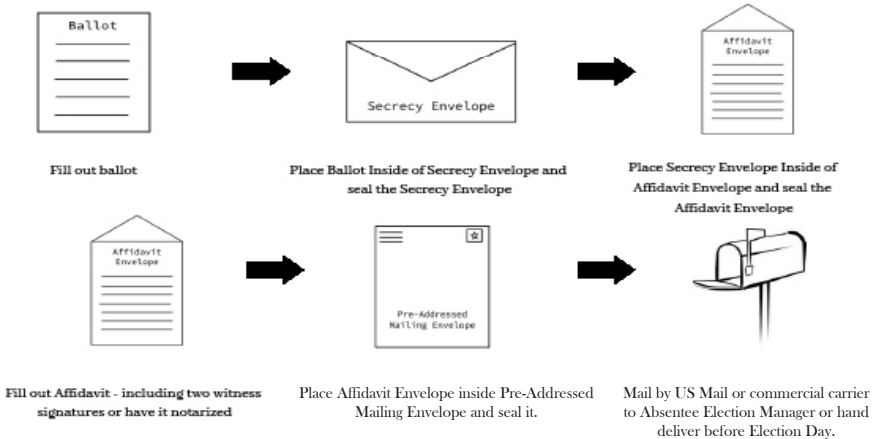
### Application Process

1. Print application from Secretary of State's website or request application from Absentee Election Manager
2. Fill out application. Remember to include a copy of your valid photo ID with the application.
3. Return the application to the Absentee Election Manager either by hand (by the voter or by the voter's designee in case of medical emergency), US Mail, or commercial carrier.

### Absentee Ballot Materials



### Absentee Ballot Process



Please note that electronic or remote notarization is not allowed for absentee voting.

## Ballot Receipt/Return - Non-UOCAVA Voters

If the absentee ballot application is approved, the Absentee Election Manager:

- forwards the absentee ballot by U.S. Mail; or
- personally hands the absentee ballot to the voter (or to a designee in the case of medical emergency voting).

**BALLOT PROCEDURE** — The absentee ballot comes with three envelopes — one plain (the secrecy envelope), one with an affidavit, or oath, printed on the outside, and one plain, pre-addressed envelope (the outer envelope). Once the voter casts the ballot, the procedure is as follows:

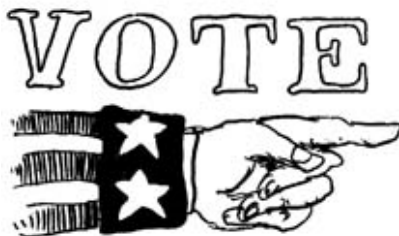
- ◆ seal the ballot in the plain envelope (the secrecy envelope);
- ◆ place the plain envelope inside the accompanying affidavit envelope;
- ◆ seal the affidavit envelope and complete the affidavit that is on the outside of the envelope;
- ◆ sign the affidavit and have the signature witnessed by either a notary public or two (2) witnesses 18 years of age or older; and then
- ◆ place the affidavit envelope inside the outer envelope.
- ◆ **NOTE:** If you are voting a provisional absentee ballot due to lack of identification, place a copy of your ID (**NOT THE ORIGINAL**) inside the outer envelope.

**WITNESSES OR NOTARIZATION** — An absentee ballot cannot be counted unless the affidavit is notarized or has the signatures of two (2) witnesses who are 18 years old or older. Electronic or remote notarization of absentee ballot affidavits is not allowed.

**SUBMITTING THE VOTED BALLOT** — The voter is required to use one of the following methods for returning their absentee ballot:

- ◆ send the ballot to the Absentee Election Manager by **U.S. Mail, by commercial carrier**; or
- ◆ personally **hand-deliver** the ballot to the Absentee Election Manager (or by a designee in the case of medical emergency voting).

**VOTING DEADLINE** — An absentee ballot returned by hand must be delivered by the voter and must be in the Absentee Election Manager's office by the close of business (but no later than 5 PM) on the day prior to the election. An absentee ballot returned by mail must be received by the Absentee Election Manager no later than noon on Election Day.





# FREQUENT QUESTIONS

- **I TURNED IN A VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION. AM I REGISTERED TO VOTE?** Just because you turned in a voter registration application does not necessarily mean you are registered to vote. Once your application has been processed by your local Board of Registrars, you should receive an acknowledgment from the Registrars indicating the status of your application. This acknowledgment will usually be a voter identification card confirming that you are registered to vote. However, if your application was incomplete, you may receive a letter requesting additional information to complete your application. If you are unsure about the status of your application, you should call your local Board of Registrars or visit [alabamavotes.gov](http://alabamavotes.gov).
- **I TURN 18 AFTER THE VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE BUT BEFORE THE ELECTION. CAN I VOTE IN THAT ELECTION?** Yes. As long as you turn 18 on or before Election Day, even if your birthday is after the voter registration deadline, you can apply for voter registration and participate in that election (as long as you meet other eligibility requirements). Please note that you must turn in your voter registration application before the 14-day close for voter registration.
- **I HAVE MOVED FROM ONE PART OF THE COUNTY TO ANOTHER AND WANT TO VOTE. WHAT SHOULD I DO?** You must update your voter registration by either re-registering to vote online or by mailing in a new voter registration form to the Board of Registrars in your county. Remember, where you live determines who represents you. To be sure you are voting for candidates in the correct district, it is important that you vote in the correct precinct.
- **I HAVE MOVED FROM ONE COUNTY TO ANOTHER AND WANT TO VOTE. WHAT SHOULD I DO?** When you move across county lines, you must register to vote in your new county of residence. Voter registration does not automatically follow you from one county to another. Remember, you must turn in your voter registration application before the 14-day close for voter registration.
- **IT'S THE DAY BEFORE THE ELECTION. I FORGOT TO REGISTER TO VOTE. IS IT TOO LATE?** Yes, it is too late to register to vote for that election. To participate in an election, you must submit your application before registration closes for that election. Registration is closed during the 14 days prior to an election and on Election Day.
- **WHAT IF I MAKE A MISTAKE ON MY BALLOT?** If you have not already placed your ballot in the electronic voting machine or ballot box, you may ask a poll worker for another ballot. The poll worker will spoil your first ballot so that it cannot be counted or reused.

- **ARE CANDIDATES ALLOWED TO CAMPAIGN OUTSIDE MY POLLING PLACE?** Yes, electioneering or campaigning is permitted, outside the polling place. However, this activity must not be closer than 30 feet from the entrance of the polling place. If the polling place is located in a room within a building, the campaigning must not be closer than 30 feet from the entrance of the building. If a candidate or their supporters are campaigning within 30 feet of the entrance of the polling place, notify the chief inspector of the polling place.
- **CAN A CANDIDATE ASSIST ME IN MARKING MY BALLOT?** Yes, if you ask the candidate to help you. The only people who cannot assist a voter are the voter's employer, an agent of the voter's employer, or an officer or agent of the voter's union.
- **CAN I WEAR CAMPAIGN BUTTONS OR T-SHIRTS WITH POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENTS INTO THE POLLING PLACE?** Yes. However, you should not loiter or leave any campaign materials in the polling place.
- **CAN I CARRY A SAMPLE BALLOT INTO THE VOTING BOOTH?** Yes. However, you should not leave the sample ballot in the polling place.
- **IF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS ARE INCLUDED ON THE BALLOT, MUST I VOTE ON THEM?** No. You are not required to vote on constitutional amendments. Similarly, you are not required to vote in all races on the ballot. Participation is your choice.
- **IN A PRIMARY ELECTION, AM I ALLOWED TO VOTE FOR THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS ONLY?** Yes. In fact, if you choose not to participate in nominating candidates for either political party, you can request a constitutional amendment ballot that contains only the proposed constitutional amendments.
- **WHEN I VOTED IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION, I WAS ASKED TO DECLARE A POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE. WHY IS THAT?** In Alabama, the Primary Election is part of the nominating process for a political party. It is used to select who will represent a party in the General Election. You are required to choose one political party's primary over another because you cannot participate in the nomination of both parties' candidates. However, in the General Election, you may split your ticket and vote for candidates from each political party.
- **WHAT HAPPENS IF I DO NOT WANT TO DECLARE A POLITICAL PARTY PREFERENCE AT THE PRIMARY ELECTION?** If you choose not to declare a political preference at the Primary Election, you will not be eligible to vote in any political party's Primary Election. However, you are still eligible to vote on any proposed constitutional amendments that are up for a vote.

- **I VOTED IN MY POLITICAL PARTY'S PRIMARY ELECTION. MY PARTY IS NOT HAVING A RUNOFF. CAN I VOTE IN THE OTHER PARTY'S RUNOFF ELECTION?** No. Alabama has a cross over voting law that prohibits anyone who voted in one party's Primary from voting in another party's Primary Runoff. If you do not vote in the Primary Election, you may vote in any party's Primary Runoff Election. See Page 2 for cross over voting rules.
- **CAN I TAKE A CELL PHONE INTO MY POLLING PLACE?** Yes. However, use of the phone in the polling place should not disturb other voters or disrupt the polling place.
- **CAN I TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS INSIDE MY POLLING PLACE?** Yes. However, an individual may only take a photograph of their own ballot. Taking other photographs within the polling place may intimidate other voters and is not allowed.

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