

Absentee Ballot Information

Massachusetts allows voters to vote by absentee ballot if they:

- ↑ will be absent from town on election day, and/or
- ↑ have a physical disability that prevents your voting at the polling place, and/or
- ↑ cannot vote at the polls due to religious beliefs.

You may have an absentee ballot mailed to you or you may vote at your town hall by making arrangements with the Town Clerk.

To be counted, a completed ballot must be received by the time the polls close on Election Day to be counted.

If you are voting from outside the United States, your completed absentee ballot for a final state or Town election can be received up until 10 days after the election, but must be postmarked on or before Election Day.

Requesting an absentee ballot

To have a form mailed to you, you must apply in writing to your town clerk. Submit your application early to allow sufficient time for the ballot to be mailed to you and be returned by the close of polls on election day.

Although the deadline to apply for absentee ballots is *noon the day before the election*, we highly recommend submitting the application as soon as practicable.

An application form is available at your local election office or you may download one of the applications at www.sec.state.ma.us.

You may also make application by letter or note which must include your:

- ↑ name,
- ↑ address as registered,
- ↑ ward and precinct (if you know them),
- ↑ address where you wish the absentee ballot sent,
- ↑ in a primary, the party ballot you want, and
- ↑ your signature.

If you wish to vote absentee at your town hall contact Town Clerk Kathy Reynolds. Plan to visit the office two or three weeks before the election. You can make your application and cast your vote in one visit.

Returning your absentee ballot

The ballot will come with instructions and a set of return envelopes. After making your choices on the

ballot, you must enclose it in the inner (smaller) brown envelope and read and complete the information on the front of that envelope and sign it. Then insert the smaller envelope in the bigger envelope, place proper postage on it and mail it back to your town hall.

Alternatively, you or a family member may hand-deliver it to the Town Clerk. Your completed ballot cannot be delivered directly to your polling place on Election Day.

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