

Absentee Guidelines

Who may cast an Absentee Ballot?

Registered voters who will be unable to vote at the polls on Election Day may cast ballots for the following reasons:

1. Out of the county (Shelby County) (Must provide an out of county address)
2. Full time student or the spouse of a full time student
3. Hospitalization, sickness, or physical disability (may also be the caretaker)
4. Permanent absentee voter because of health (must have a statement from a Doctor)
5. Juror in a federal or state court
6. Observance of a religious holiday
7. Candidate for office in the election
8. 60 years of age or older

How do I get an Absentee Ballot?

Voter must send a written request for an Absentee Ballot to the Shelby County Election Commission office

The request (form) must include the following information:

1. Voter's name as it appears on voter registration
2. Voter's address as it appears on voter registration
3. Social Security number or Registration Number
4. Voter's Date of Birth
5. Election that the voter wants to vote in (party preference if election is a primary)
6. Reason the voter is requesting an Absentee Ballot
7. Address where the Ballot is to be sent
8. Voter's signature

The written request for an Absentee Ballot should be mailed to:

**Shelby County Election Commission
980 Nixon Drive
Memphis, Tn 38134-7966**

Upon receipt of the request, it will be checked for completeness. If all necessary information is included, a ballot will be mailed. If the request is incomplete, an application will be mailed.

A request form is also available on our website www.shelbyvote.com. To view this form, you will need the free Adobe Acrobat Reader. It is available on our website.

When can I get an Absentee Ballot?

Written request for information on Absentee Ballots will be accepted no more than ninety (90) days and not less than nine (9) days before an election. Applications, which are defined as written requests that contain all the required information (as listed above), must be in the office seven (7) days before any election. Requests or applications received after the above stated dates will be rejected.

When can I vote this Absentee Ballot?

Absentee Ballots will be accepted up until 7:00 P.M. on Election Day. Any Absentee Ballot received after 7:00 P.M. on Election Day will be rejected.