

ABSENTEE VOTING GUIDE

for May 24, 2022 General Primary Election

Q. Who can vote an absentee ballot by mail and how often do you have to apply?

A. Any registered voter who is eligible to vote in an election may request an absentee ballot no earlier than 78 days (Monday, March 7th) and no less than 11 days (Friday, May 13th) prior to the date of the primary, election, or runoff.

Any registered voter who is physically disabled or 65 years of age or older, may mark the designated box on the absentee ballot application to receive ballots for all elections that year. A new application must be submitted each year.

Q. How can I obtain an absentee ballot?

A. An absentee ballot application provided by the Georgia Secretary of State's office must be completed before a ballot is issued. The application may

be downloaded by visiting the following website:

<https://sos.ga.gov/page/elections-faq#Absentee%20Voting>

OR

https://sos.ga.gov/sites/default/files/forms/Absentee_Ballot_Application_20212.pdf

You may contact the Voter Registrations and Elections Office at 229.431.3247 or docovoterregelections@dougherty.ga.us to request an application be mailed, faxed, or emailed to you. A completed application may be returned by one of the following methods:

- Fax the application to 229.438.3975
- Email the application to docovoterregelections@dougherty.ga.us
- Mail the application to P.O. Box 1827, Albany, GA 31702
- Hand deliver the application to the Elections Office at 222 Pine Ave., Suite 220 (Please note that by law applications may not be bulk returned to the Elections Office)

Q. Are there deadlines for absentee ballot applications and/or voted absentee ballots?

A. Applications: The last day for the Voter Registration and Elections Office to accept completed absentee ballot applications is 5:00 pm on the Friday, May 13th, eleven days prior to the election date.

Ballots: All voted absentee ballots must be received in the Elections Office by 7:00 pm on Election Day. Voted absentee ballots will not be accepted at the Election Day polling locations, to be counted.

For more FAQs, see next page

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Q. What voter identification is required to return my voted absentee ballot?

A. The following information is requested on the absentee ballot return inner envelope:

- Voter Signature
- Voter Printed Name
- Voter date of birth (MM/DD/YYYY)
- Georgia driver's license number or state identification card number issued by the Department of Driver Services
- If voter does not have a Georgia driver's license or state identification card. Voter is instructed to check the box and provide the last four digits of their social security number.
- If voter does not have a Georgia driver's license, state identification card or the last four digits of their social security number. Voter is instructed to check the box and place a copy of one of the forms of identification listed in the absentee ballot

instructions.

- If someone assisted the voter with completing their ballot, they are required by law to complete the oath of person assisting voter section of the envelope.

Q. How to return my voted absentee ballot?

A. Included with your absentee ballot are "Instructions for Marking and Returning an Official Absentee Ballot" to assist the voter with completing the absentee ballot. You may return the voted ballot utilizing one of the following:

- Mail by United States Postal Service to P.O. Box 1827, Albany, GA 31702, or other delivery service (UPS, Fed EX, etc.) to Dougherty County Voter Registration and Elections, 222 Pine Ave., 2nd Floor, Suite 220, Albany, GA 31701.
- The voted ballot may be hand delivered to the Dougherty County Voter Registration and Elections office located at 222 Pine Ave.,

Suite 220. Immediate family members or an individual residing in the household of a voter may deliver the voted ballot to the Elections Office. In the case of a disabled voter their ballot may be mailed, or hand delivered by their caregiver.

Please feel free to contact the Dougherty County Voter Registration and Elections Office at 229.431.3247 should you require further information.