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South Dakota Absentee Ballot Application Form

_____ County

Please print and return to the county auditor in the county you are registered. A new application must be completed EACH calendar year.

You may apply for an absentee ballot before 5:00 p.m. the day before the election for any or all general, primary, municipal, school, or any other elections conducted in this calendar year with one request. Additional information on absentee voting is available at sdsos.gov.

1	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name(s)/Initial	Suffix
2	Voter Registration Address		Apt. or Lot #	City, State
3	Absentee ballot mailing address (if different from Section #2)		City, State	Zip Code

SELECT THE ELECTION(S) YOU ARE REQUESTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR: If your address changes after this is submitted, you must submit a new form.

4	<input type="checkbox"/> All <input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Primary <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal <input type="checkbox"/> School <input type="checkbox"/> Any Other You will receive the Primary Election ballot of your party registration, if one is available. If you are registered as an independent/no party affiliation and are requesting a Primary Election ballot, you may have a choice of the following: <input type="checkbox"/> Democratic <input type="checkbox"/> Libertarian <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Political (You can only mark one selection.)	
5	Daytime telephone number	If request is for a municipal or school election: I have lived in that jurisdiction at least 30 days in the last year. <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO I am a full-time student who resided in that jurisdiction prior to leaving. <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

MILITARY AND OVERSEAS CITIZENS ONLY:

6	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO - I am a member of the Uniformed Services or Merchant Marine on active duty <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO - I am an eligible spouse or dependent of a member of the Uniformed Services or Merchant Marine on active duty <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO - I am a U.S. citizen residing outside the United States If you checked no for all questions, proceed to section #7. If you would like your ballot sent electronically (for Primary and General Elections ONLY) instead of first class mail, provide your e-mail address: E-mail address (MILITARY AND OVERSEAS CITIZENS ONLY): *An overseas military, overseas citizen, or stateside military, a spouse or dependent of the same, voter is not required to submit a photocopy of the voter's ID. *Any military and overseas voter may submit a signed application for absentee ballot by fax or e-mail.	
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An acceptable ID is: A South Dakota driver's license or non-driver ID card, a passport or other picture ID issued by the United States government, a tribal photo ID, or a current student photo ID issued by a South Dakota high school or postsecondary education institution.

7	<input type="checkbox"/> Copy of photo identification is attached OR <input type="checkbox"/> I hereby verify that I am the person named above and these statements made by me on this application are true and correct. Sworn to me before this _____ day of _____, 20____. (Seal) Notary Signature _____ My commission expires _____	<div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div> Voter's Signature (required) Voter's Date of Signing (required): ____/____/____ Month / Day / Year
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AUTHORIZED MESSENGER REQUEST DUE TO SICKNESS OR DISABILITY ONLY: The deadline to request is 3:00 p.m. on Election Day

As a registered voter, I authorize...				
Last Name		First Name		Daytime telephone
Address		Apt. or Lot #	City, State	Zip Code
8	...to serve as my authorized messenger to pick up my absentee ballot. I further certify under penalty of law that I am confined because of sickness or disability and for this reason alone am unable to vote at my polling place on Election Day. <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div> Voter's Signature		As the authorized messenger, I acknowledge receipt of the ballot for the above named voter on...Date: _____ Time: _____ Are you serving as an authorized messenger for any other voter? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div> Authorized Messenger's Signature	

State/Territory	Early Voting Begins	Early Voting Ends	Locations	Hours and Days	Statute(s)
Alaska	Fifteen days before election	Day of election	Elections supervisors' offices. Other locations as designated by election director.	Normal business hours on weekdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on the Saturday before an election, 12 p.m.-4 p.m. on the Sunday before an election	AS §15.20.064 AS §15.20.045
Arizona	Twenty-seven days before election	Friday before election	Recorder's office. Any other locations in the county the recorder deems necessary.	Not specified	ARS §16-541 ARS §16-542
Arkansas	Fifteen days before election	5 p.m. Monday before election	Offices of county clerk. Other locations as determined by county board of election commissioners.	8 a.m.-6 p.m. on weekdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on the Saturday before the election, until 5 p.m. the Monday before the election	AR Code §7-5-418
California	Twenty-nine days before election Note: California conducts elections primarily by mail.	Day of election	County election officials' offices. Satellite locations as determined by county election officials.	Varies from county to county	Elec. Code § 3000.5 Elec. Code §3001 Elec. Code §3018
Colorado	Voter service and polling centers must be open 15 days before an election. Note: Colorado conducts elections primarily by mail.	Day of election	Determined by county election officials.	Every day but Sunday during the early voting period. Normal business hours (but may be expanded by county board of commissioners).	C.R.S. §1-5-102
Connecticut	Fifteen days before election	Two days before election	Registrar of voters shall designate locations	10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on the Tuesday and Thursday before the election.	CT Public Act No. 23-5

Delaware	Ten days before an election	Sunday before election	Determined by State Election Commissioner at least 30 days before and election	Early voting locations must be open for 8 hours each day. Locations are to open at 7 a.m. for at least 5 days in the early voting period. Locations are required to be open until 7 p.m.	Del. Code Ann. tit. 15, § 5402, 5403, 5404
District of Columbia	Twelve days before election Note: D.C. conducts elections primarily by mail.	Saturday before election	No fewer than eight early voting centers, with at least one early voting center available in a central location within each election ward.	8:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Sunday excluded.	DC ST § 1-1001.09
Florida	Ten days before election. May be offered 11 to 15 days before an election that contains state and federal races, at the discretion of the elections supervisor.	Three days before election. May end two days before an election that contains state and federal races, at the discretion of the elections supervisor.	Main or branch offices of elections supervisors. Other sites designated by the elections supervisor (locations must provide all voters in that area with equal opportunity to vote).	No less than eight or more than 12 hours per day. Election supervisors may choose to provide additional days of early voting, including weekends.	Fla. Stat. §101.657
Georgia	Fourth Monday prior to a primary or election; as soon as possible prior to a runoff	Friday immediately prior to a primary, election or runoff	Board of registrars' offices. Other sites as designated by boards of registrars (must be a government building generally accessible to the public).	Normal business hours on weekdays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on the second Saturday prior to primary or election. Election officials may provide for early voting beyond regular business hours.	GA ST § 21-2-385
Guam	Thirty days before election	Five days before election	Any Commission office	Not specified	GU ST T. 3, § 10107
Hawaii	Ten business days prior to Election Day.	7 p.m. on Election Day	Voter Service Centers	Monday-Saturday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	HRS § 11-131 HRS § 11-109

	Note: Hawaii conducts elections primarily by mail.				
Idaho	Third Monday before election (in-person absentee)	5 p.m., Friday before election	Determined by county clerk	Not specified	ID Code §34-1006 ID Code §34-1002
Illinois	Fortieth day before election for temporary polling locations and 15th day before election for permanent locations	End of the day before election day	An election authority may establish permanent and temporary polling places for early voting at locations throughout the election authority's jurisdiction, including but not limited to: Municipal clerk's office Township clerk's office Road district clerk's office County or local public agency office. Early voting locations must be provided at public universities.	Permanent early voting locations must remain open from the 15th day before an election during the hours of 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. or 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on weekdays. Beginning eight days before an election, they must remain open 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m. or 9 a.m.-7 p.m. on weekdays, 9 a.m.-Noon on Saturdays and holidays, and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sundays. Permanent early voting locations must stay open at least eight hours on any holiday and a total of at least 14 hours on the final weekend during the early voting period. Election authorities may decide the days and hours for temporary early voting locations, beginning the fortieth day before an election.	10 ILCS 5/19A-15 10 ILCS 5/19A-20
Indiana	Twenty-eight days before election (in-person absentee)	Noon, day before election	Office of circuit court clerk. County election board may adopt a resolution to authorize the circuit court clerk to establish satellite offices for early voting.	The office of the circuit court clerk must permit in-person absentee voting for at least seven hours on each of the two Saturdays preceding election day, but a county with fewer than 20,000 voters may reduce this to a minimum of four hours on each of the two Saturdays preceding election day.	Ind. Code §3-11-4-1 Ind. Code 3-11-10-26
Iowa	Twenty days before election (in-person absentee)	5 p.m., day before election	Commissioners' offices Satellite locations may be established by commissioner. Satellite location must be established upon receipt of a petition signed by at	A satellite station established by petition must be open at least one day for a minimum of six hours.	IA Code §53.10 IA Code §53.11(b)

			least 100 eligible electors requesting a specific location.		
Kansas	Twenty days before election or Tuesday before election (varies by county)	Noon, day before election	Offices of county election officers. County election officers may designate satellite locations.	Not specified	KSA §25-1119 KSA §25-1122a KSA §25-1123
Kentucky	Thursday before election.	Saturday before election.	Offices of county clerks or any other locations designated by the county board of elections.	Eight hours between 6 a.m. 8 p.m. on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding the election.	KY ST § 117.076
Louisiana	Fourteen days before election	Seven days before election	Registrars' offices. Registrar may provide alternate location in the courthouse or a public building in the immediate vicinity thereof. One branch office of the registrar, as long as it is in a public building.	8:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Holidays excluded.	LA R.S. 18:1303 LA R.S. 18:1309
Maine	In-person absentee voting available as soon as absentee ballots are ready (30-45 days before election)	Three business days before election, unless the voter has an acceptable excuse.	Municipal clerks' offices	During regular business hours on days when clerks' offices are open.	ME ST T. 21-A § 753-A ME ST T. 21-A § 754-A
Maryland	On the second Thursday before an election	Thursday before an election	Established by State Board of Elections in collaboration with local boards. Number required depends on county population and ranges from one to five per county.	7 a.m.-8 p.m.	MD Election Law §10-301.1
Massachusetts	Seventeen days before election for state biennial elections; 10 days before election for	Four days before an election	Early voting sites, which includes the local election office. Additional locations may be provided at the discretion of the city or town registrar.	Regular business hours and on weekends; hours vary by size of jurisdiction. City or town clerks may provide additional hours at their discretion.	M.G.L.A. 54 825B

	presidential or state primaries.				
Michigan	Nine days before an election	Sunday before an election	Early voting sites may serve more than six precincts and may serve voters from more than one municipality.	During regular business hours and for at least eight hours during the Saturday and Sunday immediately prior to the election. Local election officials have the authority to make in-person absentee voting available for additional times and places beyond what is required.	MI CONST Art. 2, § 4
Minnesota	Forty-six days before election (in-person absentee).	5 p.m. the day before election	Elections offices or any other location designated by county auditor.	Monday through Friday regular business hours. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday before election; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on the day before Election Day.	M.S.A. §203B.081 M.S.A. §203B.085
Missouri	The second Tuesday before an election (in-person absentee).	Not specified.	Locations designated by the election authority.	Not specified.	MO ST 115.277
Montana	Thirty days before election (in-person absentee).	Day before election	Elections offices	Not specified	M.C.A. §13-13-205
Nebraska	Thirty days before each election.	Election Day	County clerk or election commissioners' offices	Not specified	NE ST § 32-808 NE ST §32-938 NE ST 32-942
Nevada	Third Saturday preceding election Note: Nevada conducts elections primarily by mail.	Friday before election	Permanent places for early voting as designated by county clerk. Branch polling places for early voting as designated by county clerk. There are special requirements for early voting sites on Native American reservations.	Monday through Friday for at least eight hours a day, to be established by the clerk. Any Saturday that falls within the early voting period for at least four hours, to be established by the clerk. A clerk may choose to offer Sunday hours as well.	N.R.S. §293.356 N.R.S. 293.3564 N.R.S. 293.3568

New Jersey	Ten days before the election, but in-person absentee voting begins forty-five days before the election.	Sunday before election	Each county board of elections shall designate at least three, but not more than five, public locations within each county, except that the county board shall designate at least five, but not more than seven public locations for early voting if the number of registered voters in the county is at least 150,000 but less than 300,000, and shall designate at least seven, but not more than 10 public locations for early voting if the number of registered voters in the county is 300,000 or more.	Monday through Saturday 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.	NJ ST 19:15A-1
New Mexico	Twenty-eight days before an election at a clerk's office; on the third Saturday before an election for alternate locations	Saturday before election	Clerks' offices and: In counties with more than 150,000 voters, clerks must establish at least 15 additional locations. In counties with 50,000-150,000 voters, clerks must establish at least four additional locations; and in counties with 10,000-50,000 voters, clerks must establish at least one alternate location.	Hours are set by the clerk, and must begin no earlier than 7 a.m. and end no later than 9 p.m. Each alternate location must be open for at least eight consecutive hours on each day of early voting, and may be closed on Sundays and Mondays.	N. M. S. A. 1978, § 1-6-5.7
New York	Tenth day before election	Second day before an election	At least one early voting location for every full increment of 50,000 registered voters in each county, but not more than seven are required. Counties with fewer than 50,000 registered voters shall have at least one early voting location. Counties and the city of New York may choose to establish more than the minimum required. Early voting sites shall be located so that voters have adequate and equitable access.	Open for at least eight hours between 7 a.m.-8 p.m. each weekday during the early voting period. At least one early voting site shall be open until 8 p.m. on at least two weekdays in each calendar week during the early voting period. Open for at least five hours between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. on each Saturday, Sunday and legal holiday during the early voting period.	NY ELEC § 8-600

				Boards of elections may establish a greater number of hours for voting during the early voting period beyond what is required.	
North Carolina	Third Thursday before election	3 p.m. on the last Saturday before election	Office of county board of elections. The county board of elections may choose to offer additional locations, subject to approval by the state board of elections. All sites must be open during the same days and hours.	Monday through Friday during regular business hours at the county board of elections. A county board may conduct early voting on weekends. If the county board of elections opens early voting sites on Saturdays or Sundays during the early voting period, then all sites shall be open for the same number of hours uniformly throughout the county on those days. There are exceptions for counties with islands that contain no bridges to the mainland.	N.C.G.S.A. §163-227.2
North Dakota	Fifteen days before election	Day before election	At the discretion of county auditor	The county auditor chooses and publishes the hours.	NDCC §16.1-07-15
Ohio	Twenty-nine days before election (the day after voter registration closes).	5 p.m. on the Sunday before the election.	Main office of board of elections. Board may conduct voting at a branch office only under certain conditions.	8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday, with some extended evening hours in the week prior to the election 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday 1-5 p.m. on the Sunday before Election Day.	O.R.C. § 3509.051 O.R.C. § 3509.01
Oklahoma	Wednesday preceding an election (in-person absentee).	2 p.m. on the Saturday before election	At a location designated by the county election board. For counties of more than 25,000 registered voters or with an area of more than 1,500 square miles, more than one location may be designated.	8 a.m.-6 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday.	OK ST T. 26 § 14-115.4
Oregon	Drop sites must open the Friday before an election, but may open as soon as ballots are available (18 days before).	Day of election	Election offices or other staffed locations (libraries, city halls, etc.) or outdoor mailboxes (drive-by or walking traffic).	Normal business hours.	OR ST §254.470

	Note: Oregon conducts elections primarily by mail.				
Pennsylvania	Counties will begin preparing in-person mail/absentee ballots after the official candidate list is certified, no earlier than 50 days before the election. The timing of availability of ballots may vary by county.	5 p.m. first Tuesday prior to day of election	Local board of elections	During regular business hours	25 P.S. § 3146.2a
Puerto Rico	Not specified	On or before election day	Voting centers set up by the Commission	Not specified	PR ST T. 16 § 4739
Rhode Island	Twenty days before election.	Day before election	At local boards of canvassers	During regular business hours	RI ST §17-20-2.2
South Carolina	Two weeks before Election Day	Day before election	At early voting centers	8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. for statewide general elections; 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. for any elections that are not statewide general elections.	SC Code § 7-13-25
South Dakota	Forty-six days before election (in-person absentee).	5 p.m. the day before the election	Office of the person in charge of elections	Regular office hours	S.D.C.L. §12-19-1.2 S.D.C.L.12-19-2.1
Tennessee	Twenty days before election	Five days before election (seven days for a presidential preference primary)	County election commission office or other location(s) designated by the county election commission.	Offices must be open a minimum of three consecutive hours on weekdays and Saturdays between 8 a.m.-6 p.m. during the early voting period. On at least three days, offices must be open between 4:30-7 p.m., and on at least one Saturday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. in counties with a population of over 150,000.	TN ST §2-6-102(a)(1) TN ST § 2-6-103

Texas	Seventeen days before election	Four days prior to election	In a room in the offices of the county clerk, or elsewhere as determined by the clerk Each county has one main early voting center.	During business hours on weekdays unless: Fewer than 1,000 voters, in which case three hours per day, or more than 100,000 voters, in which case 12 hours per day during the last week.	Tex. Elec. Code §85.001 Tex. Elec. Code §85.002
Utah	Fourteen days before election Note: Utah conducts elections primarily by mail.	Friday before election, though an election official may choose to extend the early voting period to the day before the election	In government offices as determined by election officer	At least four days per week, and on the last day of the early voting period. The election officer may elect to conduct early voting on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday.	Utah Code §20A-3-601
Vermont	Forty-five days before election Note: Vermont conducts elections primarily by mail.	5 p.m. day before election	Offices of town clerks Clerks may make "mobile polling stations" available.	Not specified	VT ST T. 17 § 2531 VT ST T. 17 § 2532a VT ST T. 17 § 2537
U.S. Virgin Islands	Fourteen days before an election	Three days before an election	Permanent main or branch office of the supervisor of elections for the district. The supervisor of elections may also designate public or government-owned facilities. However, these sites must be geographically located so as to provide all electors in the district an equal opportunity to cast a ballot, insofar as is practicable.	No less than eight hours and no more than 12 hours per day at each site.	VI ST T. 18 § 664
Virginia	Forty-five days before election	5 p.m. Saturday before election	Office of the general registrar. Additional locations in public buildings may be provided at local discretion.	Regular business hours. A minimum of eight hours between 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on the two Saturdays before the election. The electoral board or general registrar may provide early voting on the two Sundays before the election, as well.	VA Code Ann. § 24.2-701.1

Washington	Eighteen days before an election. Note: Washington conducts elections primarily by mail.	8 p.m. on day of election.	Election offices or other locations designated by the county auditor.	Normal business hours.	WA ST 29A.40.160
West Virginia	Thirteen days before election	Three days before election	Courthouse or the annex next to the courthouse County commission may designate additional areas, subject to requirements prescribed by the Secretary of State.	Must be open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturdays through early voting period.	W.V. Code §3-3-3
Wisconsin	Fourteen days preceding the election (in-person absentee).	Sunday preceding the election	Clerks' offices	A municipality shall specify the hours.	Wis. Code §6.86(1)(b)
Wyoming	Twenty-eight days before election (in-person absentee).	Day before election	County clerks' offices Courthouse or other public building	Must be open regular hours on normal business days.	Wyo. Stat. §22-9-105 Wyo. Stat. §22-9-125 Wyo. Stat. § 22-9-107

States and Territories with Early In-Person Voting

State	When Election Officials Can Start Mailing Out Ballots
Alabama	45 days before the election.
Alaska SOS website	25 days before the election.
Arizona Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 16-542	24 to 27 days before the election.
Arkansas Ark. Stat. Ann. § 7-5-407	46 days before the election.
California Cal. Election Code § 4101	29 days before the election.
Colorado Colo. Rev. Stat. § 1-7.5-107	18-22 days before the election.
Connecticut Conn. Gen. Stat. § 9-140	31 days before the election.
Delaware Del. Code Ann. tit. 15, § 5504	60 days before the election.
District of Columbia	Not specified.
Florida Fla. Stat. § 101.62	33 to 40 days before the election.
Georgia Ga. Code Ann. § 21-2-384	25 to 29 days before the election.
Hawaii	The start date is not specified, but ballots must be received by voters at least 18 days before the election.

State	When Election Officials Can Start Mailing Out Ballots
Hawaii Rev. Stat. § 11-102	
Idaho	45 days before the election.
Idaho Code § 34-1003	
Illinois	40 days before the election.
Ill. Rev. Stat. ch. 10, § 5/19-4	
Indiana	45 days before the election.
Iowa	20 days before the election.
Iowa Code § 53.8	
Kansas	20 days before the election.
Kan. Stat. Ann. § 25-433	
Kentucky	50 days before the election.
Ky. Rev. Stat. § 117.085	
Louisiana	45 days before the election.
La. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 18:1308	
Maine	30 days before the election.
Me. Rev. Stat. Ann. tit. 21, § 752	
Maryland	43 days before the election.
Md. Election Code Ann. § 9-306	
Massachusetts	30 days before the election.
Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 54, § 25B	
Michigan	45 days before the election.

State	When Election Officials Can Start Mailing Out Ballots
Mich. Comp. Laws § 168.714	
Minnesota SOS website	46 days before the election.
Mississippi Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-629	40 days before the election.
Missouri Mo. Rev. Stat. § 115.302	42 days before the election.
Montana Mont. Code Ann. § 13-13-205	25 days before election.
Nebraska Neb. Rev. St. § 32-808	35 days before the election.
Nevada Nev. Rev. Stat. § 293.269911	Not specified. No later than 20 days before an election.
New Hampshire	30 days before the election.
New Jersey N.J. Rev. Stat. § 19:62-2	45 days before the election.
New Mexico N.M. Stat. Ann. § 1-6-5	28 days before the election.
New York N.Y. Election Law § 8-406	46 days before the election.
North Carolina	60 days before the election.

State	When Election Officials Can Start Mailing Out Ballots
N.C. Gen. Stat. § 163-227.10	
North Dakota	40 days before the election.
N.D. Cent. Code § 16.1-07-04	
Ohio	29 days before the election.
Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 3509.01, 3503.19	
Oklahoma	45 days before the election.
Okla. Stat. tit. 26, § 14-118	
Oregon	20 days before the election.
Or. Rev. Stat. § 254.470	
Pennsylvania	As soon as possible after ballots are printed, but no later than the second Tuesday prior to the Election.
Pa. Stat. tit. 25, § 3146.5	
Puerto Rico	Not specified.
P.R. Code Ann. tit. 16, § Section 9.36.	
Rhode Island	Not specified (when ballots become available).
R.I. Gen. Laws § 17-20-19	
South Carolina	30 days before the election.
SOS website	
South Dakota	46 days before the election.
SOS website	
Tennessee	Not specified.
Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-6-202	

State	When Election Officials Can Start Mailing Out Ballots
Texas Tex. Election Code Ann. § 86.004	45 days before the election.
Utah Utah Code Ann. § 20A-3a-202	21 days before the election.
Vermont Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 17, § 2537a	43 days before the election.
Virgin Islands V.I. Code Ann. tit. 18, § 664	Not specified.
Virginia SOS website	45 days before the election.
Washington Wash. Rev. Code § 29A.40.070	18 days before the election.
West Virginia W. Va. Code § 3-3-5(e)(1)	46 days before the election.
Wisconsin Wis. Stat. § 7.15	47 days before the election.
Wyoming Wyo. Stat. § 22-9-107	28 days before the election.

OTHER WAYS TO VOTE

Vote early (absentee)

In Minnesota, you can vote early with an absentee ballot starting 46 days before Election Day. You can request an absentee ballot online for federal, state, and county elections. Read about other options and more information about absentee voting at the links below.

- [Vote early by mail](#)
- [Vote early in person](#)
- [Vote from military or abroad](#)
- [Track your absentee ballot](#)

Vote from military or abroad

Military and voters living abroad can use a special process to vote absentee.

Track your absentee ballot

Track the status of your ballot or confirm that it was received back and accepted without problem.

Mail ballot precincts

Some cities and towns can hold elections by mail instead of voting at polling places.

Absentee ballot applications are to be delivered to the appropriate election official by mail, in person, by fax or as a scanned attachment to an email. Uniformed service members stationed away from home and citizens living outside the United States may also receive and return voted ballots by fax or electronic means according to North Dakota law. For more information, please read the information for [Military Voters](#) and for [Overseas Voters](#).

According to North Dakota law, absentee ballots are to be made available by the 40th day before the election. Returned absentee ballots must have an official postmark or date stamp on the envelope, email, or fax by the day before the election.

Time Frame for Voting.

All county election offices will accept early-voting applications up to 120 days prior to a statewide primary, general election or special election. However, regular early-voting ballots are not sent out or voted until at least 35 days before a primary or general election and 15 days prior to all other elections. All early-voting ballots whether delivered in person or carrier to the county drop box or by mail must arrive by the close of polls on the day of the election.

Do I need to give the reason why I am voting early when applying for Early Voting ballots?

No, since 1999 Nebraska law has not required a person to disclose a reason for their request on the Early Voting application.

A written application for a mailed absentee ballot must be received by the voter's County Auditor no later than 5:00 p.m. 15 days before the election. If the request is received so late that it is unlikely the absentee ballot can be returned by mail in time to be considered for counting, the county auditor will enclose a statement to that effect with the absentee ballot.

For primary and general elections, the ballots are mailed no later than 20 days before election day. For other elections, ballots are mailed to voters as soon as they are ready. The county auditor will include instructions on how to mark the ballot as well as how to return the ballot.

▼ When Can I Receive or Pick up My Absentee Ballot?

- Any registered voter can obtain their absentee ballot as early as 28 days (45 days for military or overseas voters) prior to the election or any day after by **contacting their county clerk's office** but not on Election Day.
- Mailed ballots will be sent 28 days (45 days for military or overseas voters) before the election to all voters who have requested that an absentee ballot be mailed. Absentee ballot requests received after 28 days (45 days for military or overseas voters) will be sent as soon as possible. (Mail delivery within the county may take up to seven (7) days, and longer if your mailing address is outside the county.)