



## VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

**What is it?** Absentee voting is an easy and convenient way to exercise your right to vote. Registered voters simply request an absentee ballot through an application process. Once approved, ballots will be mailed to the voter's home where s/he can fill it out and return by mail.

**Who can do it?** You have a choice to vote in person early, on election day or by absentee ballot. Any Oklahoma voter can vote by absentee ballot, no reason is required.

**How does a voter request an absentee ballot?** Anyone wanting to vote by absentee ballot must submit an Absentee Ballot Application to their county election board by the deadline for each election. This can be done online or by downloading the application and either mailing or delivering the completed form in person. You can find the information online from the Oklahoma Election Board at [ok.gov/elections/Voter\\_Info/Absentee\\_Voting](http://ok.gov/elections/Voter_Info/Absentee_Voting).

### **What is involved in the application process?**

The application can be completed online and submitted electronically or printed off, filled out, signed and mailed in by the person making the request. The signed form can also be delivered to the county election board in person by the voter making the request. Completed request forms delivered by anyone other than the requester will not be accepted by the election board.

### **What are the deadlines for applying?**

- For the June 30 election, requests must be made by 5 p.m. on June 23 to the county election board.
- For the Aug. 25 election, requests must be made by 5 p.m. on Aug. 18 to the county election board.
- For the Nov. 3 election, requests must be made by 5 p.m. on Oct. 27 to the county election board.

**Will I have to request an absentee ballot for every election?** When applying, the voter can either request an absentee ballot only for the next election, or for all remaining elections in that calendar year.

**Once I get my ballot in the mail, what do I do?** Simply fill out your ballot with your selections, place it in the ballot envelope and have the affidavit notarized. The affidavit envelope needs to be placed in the OUTER envelope (also provided by the Election Board) and affixed with proper postage (70 cents or two forever stamps). Simply drop it in the mail in time for the Election Board to receive it no later than 7 p.m. on Election Day (NOT just postmarked by Election Day).

**Where can I find a notary?** Notaries can be commonly found at such places as tag agencies, photocopy shops, AAA, real estate firms, tax prep firms, insurance agencies and banks. Notaries cannot charge a fee for notarizing a signature on an absentee ballot. If you are in the Tulsa area, you can utilize the notary database from 918 Vote at [website](#).

- **Special Option for June 30 election ONLY** - For the June 30 election, you have the option of skipping the notary process by including a copy of a valid unexpired photo identification issued to you by the U.S. government, state government or a Native Tribe, or a copy of your Voter Identification Card. This photocopy must be attached to your affidavit envelope with tape or staples before being placed in the outer mailing envelope.

**Questions about absentee ballots?** Contact the your local League of Women Voters for additional help or information about voting, or call your county election board.