

ABSENTEE VOTING

Registered Missouri voters who expect to be prevented from going to their polling place on Election Day may vote absentee beginning six weeks prior to an election.

Absentee voters must provide an acceptable form of personal photo identification and one of the following reasons for voting absentee:

1. Absence on Election Day from the jurisdiction of the election authority in which such voter is registered to vote;
2. Incapacity or confinement due to illness or physical disability, including a person who is primarily responsible for the physical care of a person who is incapacitated or confined due to illness or disability and resides at the same address;
3. Religious belief or practice;
4. Employment as:
 - (a) An election authority, as a member of an election authority, or by an election authority at a location other than such voter's polling place;
 - (b) A first responder;
 - (c) A health care worker; or
 - (d) A member of law enforcement;
5. Incarceration, provided all qualifications for voting are retained;
6. Certified participation in the address confidentiality program established under sections 589.660 to 589.681 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri because of safety concerns.

Beginning on the second Tuesday prior to an election, no reason is required to cast an absentee ballot in person.

Voters can request absentee ballots from their local election authority in person, or by e-mailing this form: <https://tinyurl.com/lincolnabsapp> to absentee@lincolncountymoclerk.gov, by faxing it to (636) 528-5528 or by mailing it to Kenneth Schulte, Lincoln County Clerk, 201 Main Street, Troy, MO 63379.

Relatives within the second degree (spouses, parents, children, grandparents, grandchildren, siblings) may complete an absentee ballot application, in person, on behalf of the voter who wishes to vote absentee.

All requests for an absentee ballot to be mailed must be received by the election authority no later than 5:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday prior to any election. Voters can vote by absentee in person until 5:00 p.m. the night before the election including the Saturday before the election.

Voters requesting an absentee ballot by mail who have registered to vote by mail and have not voted in person are required to submit a copy of their personal identification with their absentee ballot application unless they provided a copy with their registration application. Examples of acceptable identification are:

- (1) Nonexpired Missouri driver's license;
- (2) Nonexpired or nonexpiring Missouri nondriver's license;
- (3) A document that satisfies all of the following requirements:
 - a. The document contains the name of the individual to whom the document was issued, and the name substantially conforms to the most recent signature in the individual's voter registration record;
 - b. The document shows a photograph of the individual;
 - c. The document includes an expiration date, and the document is not expired, or, if expired, the document expired after the date of the most recent general election; and
 - d. The document was issued by the United States or the state of Missouri; or
- (4) Any identification containing a photograph of the individual which is issued by the Missouri National Guard, the United States Armed Forces, including the Space Force, or the United States Department of Veteran Affairs to a member or former member of the Missouri National Guard or the United States Armed Forces, including the Space Force, and that is not expired or does not have an expiration date.

This identification requirement, as well as the notary requirement for absentee ballots, does not apply to overseas voters, those on active military duty or members of their immediate family living with them or voters who are permanently disabled and their caregivers.

Military and overseas citizens should visit the *Military and Overseas Voting Portal*. Through this portal, eligible voters can register to vote, request, and receive absentee ballots, and learn about upcoming elections. Follow the link to the portal at: <https://movotesportal.sos.mo.gov/movotes/voter/login.aspx>