

ABSENTEE VOTING

- A REGISTERED VOTER MAY VOTE AN ABSENTEE BALLOT IF THEY WILL BE UNABLE TO VOTE AT THE POLLS ON ELECTION DAY DUE TO:
- ABSENCE FROM THE VOTER'S CITY OR TOWN DURING NORMAL POLLING HOURS; OR
- PHYSICAL DISABILITY PREVENTING YOU FROM GOING TO THE POLLING PLACE; OR
- RELIGIOUS BELIEF

- OTHER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES INCLUDE:
- MASSACHUSETTS CITIZEN RESIDING OVERSEAS
- MILITARY OR DEPENDENT FAMILY MEMBER
- ADMITTED TO A HEALTHCARE FACILITY WITHIN 7 DAYS OF THE ELECTION
- VOTER IS INCARCERATED, BUT NOT FOR A FELONY CONVICTION

ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST

- ABSENTEE BALLOTS CAN BE OBTAINED AND VOTED IN PERSON AT THE ELECTIONS OFFICE DURING REGULAR OFFICE HOURS BEFORE THE ELECTION IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO GO TO THE POLLS ON ELECTION DAY. THE LAST DAY AND TIME TO VOTE AN ABSENTEE BALLOT AT THE ELECTIONS OFFICE IS ALWAYS NOONTIME THE DAY BEFORE THE ELECTION.
- YOU CAN SEND AN ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION OR A WRITTEN REQUEST TO THE ELECTIONS OFFICE. IT SHOULD INCLUDE YOUR NAME, YOUR ADDRESS, THE ADDRESS YOU WANT THE BALLOT MAILED TO, THE ELECTION(S) YOU WOULD LIKE THE ABSENTEE BALLOT FOR; AND YOUR SIGNATURE.

VOTE BY MAIL

- SIMILAR TO ABSENTEE BALLOTS, EXCEPT YOU DO NOT NEED A REASON TO VOTE BY MAIL. ANY VOTER MAY APPLY FOR A MAIL IN BALLOT.
- MAIL IN BALLOTING MUST BE AVAILABLE FOR ALL STATE ELECTIONS, STATE PRIMARIES AND PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES.
- EARLY VOTING BY MAIL IS ALSO REQUIRED FOR ALL LOCAL ELECTIONS, UNLESS THE CITY OR TOWN OPTS OUT.

VOTE BY MAIL

- TO OPT OUT OF VOTE BY MAIL FOR A LOCAL ELECTION THE SELECTMEN, CITY COUNCIL OR TOWN COUNCIL MUST HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC ROLL CALL VOTE TO **NOT** ALLOW VOTE BY MAIL NO LATER THAN 45 DAYS BEFORE THE DATE OF THE ELECTION.