

LATE ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION FOR MARYLAND VOTERS

IMPORTANT: Complete and sign this application, and return it in person to the board of elections.

Please read the instructions before completing this application. Important Note: If you complete and submit this form, you must affirm on the oath that is returned with your voted ballot that you "will be absent or unable to vote in person in the election." If you will not be absent or are able to vote in person in the election, you should not complete and submit this form and should plan on voting at your polling place on election day.

I am requesting an absentee ballot for the upcoming: Special Primary Election OR Special General Election

PRINT NAME AS REGISTERED:

Last Name _____ First _____ Middle _____

No./Street _____ Apt. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth _____ Party Affiliation _____ Phone No. _____

Check here if this is your new legal address.

Special Primary Election - If it is, did you change addresses before or after March 11, 2008?

Special General Election - If it is, did you change addresses before or after April 15, 2008?

Under penalty of perjury, I certify that the above information is true and correct.

WARNING: Any person who is convicted of violating the absentee voting law is subject to a fine of up to \$1,000, to imprisonment for up to 2 years, or both. (Election Law Article, Section 9-312, Annotated Code of Maryland)

Signature of Voter _____ Date _____

CERTIFICATION OF ASSISTANCE

Under penalty of perjury, I hereby certify that the voter named above, who requires assistance because of disability or inability to read or write, authorized me to complete this application for him/her. If the voter was unable to sign this application, I have printed the voter's name on the Signature of Voter line, followed by my initials.

Signature of Assistant _____ Date _____

Printed Name of Assistant _____

DESIGNATION OF AGENT BY VOTER: If you are not able to return this application and pick up an absentee ballot personally, please complete this designation of agent and specify the individual you wish to have pick up and deliver the absentee ballot to you. If you are unable to complete or sign the designation without assistance, you may be assisted as indicated above. The individual you wish to pick up and deliver the absentee ballot to you must complete the Acceptance by Agent portion below.

I designate the following person, who is at least 18 years old and not a candidate on my ballot, to act as my agent to pick up and deliver an absentee ballot in accordance with the requirements for absentee voting stated in Election Law Article, Section 9-307, Annotated Code of Maryland.

Printed Name of Agent _____ Agent Phone No. _____

Address of Agent _____

Signature of Voter _____ Date _____

ACCEPTANCE BY AGENT: Under penalty of perjury, I hereby certify that I am at least 18 years of age and not a candidate on the voter's ballot, and that I am acting as the voter's designated agent, will pick up and deliver the absentee ballot to the voter, and will return it to the board of elections.

Signature of Agent _____ Date _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY AGENT WHEN VOTED BALLOT IS RETURNED: Under penalty of perjury, I hereby certify that the voter for whom I am acting as an agent marked the ballot and sealed it in an envelope in my presence, with assistance if necessary, and that I have returned it in person, without alteration, to the board of elections.

Signature of Agent _____ Date _____

INFORMATION ABOUT THE LATE APPLICATION FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT

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HOW TO APPLY FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT DURING THE WEEK BEFORE THE ELECTION

Beginning on the Wednesday before the election and until the polls close on election day:

1. Under penalty of perjury, complete the Late Application for Absentee Ballot and submit it in person to the board of elections.
2. You or your designated agent will be provided an absentee ballot.

HOW TO VOTE IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE

1. If you need assistance to complete this application because of a disability or inability to read or write:
 - (a) You may receive assistance from any person other than a candidate on your ballot, your employer or an agent of your employer, or an officer or agent of your union.
 - (b) The person assisting you to fill in this application must complete the Certification of Assistance portion of this application. If you are unable to sign this application, the assistant should print your name on the Signature of Voter line, followed by his or her initials.
2. If you need to designate an individual to pick up and deliver your absentee ballot:
 - (a) Complete, with assistance if necessary, the Designation of Agent portion of this application. This designates an individual to act as your agent and authorizes that individual to pick up and deliver your absentee ballot.
 - (b) The agent must be at least 18 years old and not a candidate on your ballot.
 - (c) The agent must sign, under penalty of perjury, the Acceptance by Agent portion of this form. By signing, the agent is certifying that the ballot will be delivered to you, marked by you, sealed in an envelope in the agent's presence, and returned in person by the agent to the board of elections.

IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

If "ID Required" is stamped on your return absentee ballot envelope, you will be required to submit identification with your absentee ballot. You can provide the required identification when submitting this application.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ABSENTEE BALLOT

You may either mail or hand deliver your absentee ballot to the board of elections.

1. If you hand deliver your absentee ballot, you must deliver it to the board of elections by 8:00 p.m. on election day.
2. If you mail your absentee ballot:
 - a. You must mail it **on or before** election day; **and**
 - b. It must arrive at the local board of elections by 10:00 a.m. on the 2nd Friday after election day; **and**
 - c. Have a postmark (affixed by the U.S. Postal Service, private mail carrier, an Army or fleet post office, or the postal service of any other country) on the envelope verifying that it was mailed on or before election day. If there is no postmark or the postmark is illegible, your affidavit on the return envelope indicating that the ballot was mailed on or before election day is sufficient.

LARGE TYPE APPLICATION AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.
