

HOW TO VOTE ABSENTEE BY MAIL OR IN OFFICE

Mississippi Law allows some people to vote, Absentee by mail or Absentee Vote in Office.

An application for absentee ballot by mail can be sent to you if:

- You are 65 or older.
- You have a temporary or permanent physical disability and cannot vote in person without substantial hardship.
- You are going to be out of the county through March 12, 2024. (Ballot will have to be mailed out of the county.)
- You are an active-duty member of the military, the Merchant Marine or the Red Cross or their spouse or dependent.
- You are a student, teacher, or administrator at a school whose studies or employment there requires you to be out of the county on Election Day or you are their spouse or dependent; *(Ballot would have to be mailed out of the county.)*

How can you request an absentee ballot by mail?

- Call the Sunflower County Circuit Clerk's office immediately at **(662) 887-1252** to apply. When calling the absent voter must make the request. The information will be taken by a deputy clerk who will make a documented notation of who is making the request.
- The necessary documents and instructions for an Absentee mail-in ballot will be sent to you. Complete the application and ballot. Return it separately in the envelopes provided.
- When you get your application and ballot, please execute, and complete your application and ballot and mail immediately to avoid possible postal delays. Absentee Mail-in Ballots must be postmarked no later than March 12, 2024, and must be received no later than March 19, 2024.
- Please follow instructions closely to make sure your vote is counted, especially the requirements that require signatures across the envelope flap and proper attesting or witness on the Application and Ballot Envelope.
- If you have any questions about requesting an Absentee Ballot by Mail, call **Sunflower** County Circuit Clerk's office at (662) 887-1252.

Beginning January 29, 2024, you can cast a Vote in Office Absentee Ballot at the Sunflower County Courthouse if:

- You are 65 or older.
- You are disabled.
- You will be out-of-county on Election Day
- You will be at work on Election Day when the polls are open (7 a.m.-7 p.m.)
- You are a student, teacher, or administrator at a school whose studies or employment there requires you to be out of the county on Election Day or you are their spouse or dependent.
- You are the parent, spouse, or dependent of a person with a temporary or permanent physical disability who is hospitalized outside of their county of residence or more than fifty 50 miles away and you will be with that person on Election Day.
- You are an active-duty member of the military, the Merchant Marine or the Red Cross or their spouse or dependent.

**** YOU MUST PRESENT YOUR VOTER ID WHEN VOTING IN PERSON **** If you do not have a Voter ID, contact the Clerk's office for instructions on how to obtain a Voter ID

**** We will not take requests from individuals who are not related to the absent voter in the first degree. Absent voters who are in an Adult Care Facility/ Nursing Home, must make every effort to make the request themselves. It is highly recommended that if they cannot make the effort then a close family member should make the request on their behalf. In the absence of a family member, the facility director will be allowed to make the request. The Circuit Clerk's office will make detailed notation of all requests for an Absentee Ballot that are being requested via telephone. ****

The Circuit Clerk's hours of operations are 8am – 5pm Monday through Friday. For Voting in Office Absentee Ballot ONLY open the following Saturdays: Saturday, March 2, 2024, 8am - Noon Saturday, March 9, 2024, 8am - Noon

> If you have any questions, please call: Sunflower County Circuit Clerk's Office (662) 887-1252 You can visit our website for more information. <u>www.sunflowercircuitclerk.com</u> email: <u>chamilton@suncirclerk.com</u>

YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE