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### County Board of Elections

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## ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION FOR MARYLAND VOTERS

**IMPORTANT:** Complete and sign this application. Fold application so the mailer above faces out. **TAPE** closed. Mail promptly.

*Please read the instructions before completing this application. If you will be voting for the first time in Maryland, and if you registered to vote by mail on or after January 1, 2003, you may be required to submit personal identification now or with your absentee ballot.*

Please send me an absentee ballot for the upcoming:

- Primary Election     General Election
- ALL as permitted

**To qualify for an absentee ballot, you must certify by your signature that one or more of the following statements is or will be true. I am unable to go to the polls, because on election day:**

1. I may be absent from my county of registration.
2. I am suffering from an accident, illness, or physical disability.
3. I am confined in or restricted to an institution.
4. I am attending to a death or serious illness in my family.
5. I have academic obligations at an institution of higher education outside my precinct, but within my county of registration.
6. I am employed by the Board of Elections and must be absent from the precinct in which I am registered.
7. I am age 65 or older and my polling place is inaccessible.

**PRINT NAME AS REGISTERED:**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_

No./Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Party Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

**MAILING ADDRESS, IF DIFFERENT FOR PRIMARY ELECTION:**

No./Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**MAILING ADDRESS, IF DIFFERENT FOR GENERAL ELECTION:**

No./Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** Provide the mailing address at which mail reaches you most promptly. Include rank and serial number if this is a military address. If this address changes prior to any election, you must notify the board of elections to assure receipt of your ballot.

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

THIS SECTION FOR OFFICE USE ONLY		
	PRIMARY	GENERAL
Ballot Style	_____	_____
Applic. Recd.	_____	_____
AB Issued	_____	_____
AB Returned	_____	_____
ID#	_____	
Affil.	_____	
Elect. Dist./Ward	_____	
Prec.	_____	
Cong.	_____	
Leg.	_____	
Co.	_____	

**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, followed by my initials.

Signature of Assistant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Assistant \_\_\_\_\_

# INFORMATION ABOUT THE APPLICATION FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT

## HOW TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

1. Complete this application and return it to the board of elections by the deadline.
2. The board of elections will issue you an absentee ballot, either by mail or in person, when it has received this completed application and determined that you are qualified to vote by absentee ballot.
3. Mark the absentee ballot and return it to the board of elections promptly.

## DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF COMPLETED APPLICATION

The board of elections must receive this completed application by:

1. 4:30 P.M. on the Tuesday before the election if this application is mailed.
2. 11:59 P.M. on the Tuesday before the election if this application is faxed.

After the deadline, a Late Application for Absentee Ballot must be made in person at the board of elections.

## 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 the application. If you are unable to sign this application, the assistant should print your name, 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 form provided by the board of elections. This form 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, an affidavit that the ballot was 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.

## INFORMATION FOR FIRST-TIME MARYLAND VOTERS WHO REGISTERED TO VOTE BY MAIL

Federal law requires that certain voters submit or present identification before voting for the first time in Maryland. You must submit or present identification before voting if:

1. You will be voting for the first time in Maryland;
2. You registered to vote by mail on or after January 1, 2003; and
3. You have not previously met the identification requirements of the Help America Vote Act.

**Note:** You are exempt from this identification requirement if you are entitled to vote an absentee ballot under federal law, including the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act or the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act.

If you have not previously submitted identification or if you have been advised or suspect that the personal identification you provided on your voter registration application (your MVA identification number or, if you do not have an MVA identification number, the last four digits of your social security number) could not be verified by election officials, please include with this application one of the following documents:

1. A copy of a current and valid photo identification; or
2. A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows your name and address.

If you are required to submit identification and do not provide the required identification with this application or with your absentee ballot, your absentee ballot will be treated as a provisional ballot. Your ballot will not be canvassed unless your identification information is presented or submitted to the board of elections before your absentee ballot is processed on the 1st Monday after the election. If your absentee ballot was treated as a provisional ballot, visit [www.elections.state.md.us](http://www.elections.state.md.us) at least 10 days after the election to find out if your ballot was canvassed and, if not, the reason why not. You may also call toll-free 1-800-222-8683 to obtain this information.

## LARGE TYPE APPLICATION AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

### COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS

#### Allegany Co.

701 Kelly Road, Suite 213  
Cumberland, MD 21502-3401  
301-777-5931/301-777-2430 (fax)

#### Anne Arundel Co.

P.O. Box 490  
Glen Burnie, MD 21060-0490  
410-222-6600/410-222-6824 (fax)

#### Baltimore City

Benton Office Building,  
Room 129  
417 E. Fayette Street  
Baltimore, MD 21202-3432  
410-396-5550/410-727-1775 (fax)

#### Baltimore Co.

106 Bloomsbury Avenue  
Catonsville, MD 21228  
410-887-5700/410-887-0894 (fax)

#### Calvert Co.

P.O. Box 798  
Prince Frederick, MD 20678-0798  
410-535-2214/410-535-5009 (fax)  
DC Line 301-855-1376

#### Caroline Co.

Health & Public Services Building  
403 S. Seventh Street, Suite 247  
Denton, MD 21629-1335  
410-479-8145/410-479-5736 (fax)

#### Carroll Co.

225 N. Center Street  
Westminster, MD 21157-5194  
410-386-2080/410-876-3925 (fax)

#### Cecil Co.

Court House, Room 332  
129 E. Main Street  
Elkton, MD 21921-5940  
410-996-5311/410-996-5066 (fax)

#### Charles Co.

P.O. Box 908  
La Plata, MD 20646-0908  
301-934-8972/301-870-3167  
301-934-6487 (fax)

#### Dorchester Co.

501 Court Lane, Room 105  
P.O. Box 414  
Cambridge, MD 21613-0414  
410-228-2560/410-228-9635 (fax)

#### Frederick Co.

Winchester Hall  
12 E. Church Street  
Frederick, MD 21701-5447  
301-694-1005/301-631-2344 (fax)

#### Garrett Co.

2008 Maryland Highway  
Suite 1  
Mtn. Lake Park, MD 21550-6349  
301-334-6985/301-334-6988 (fax)

#### Harford Co.

18 Office Street  
Bel Air, MD 21014-3778  
410-638-3565/410-638-3310 (fax)

#### Howard Co.

Executive Park Building  
8900 Columbia 100 Parkway  
Columbia, MD 21045-2336  
410-313-2727/410-313-5833 (fax)

#### Kent Co.

135 Dixon Drive  
Chestertown, MD 21620-1141  
410-778-0038/410-778-0265 (fax)

#### Montgomery Co.

P.O. Box 4333  
Rockville, MD 20849-4333  
240-777-8500/(fax) 240-777-8560  
240-777-8590  
TDD 800-735-2258

#### Prince George's Co.

14741 Gov. Oden Bowie Drive  
Suite L205  
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772-3070  
301-952-3270  
301-952-4889 or 301-952-2187 (fax)  
TDD 301-627-3352

#### Queen Anne's Co.

County Annex Building,  
P.O. Box 274  
Centreville, MD 21617-0274  
410-758-0832/410-758-1119 (fax)

#### St. Mary's Co.

P.O. Box 197  
Leonardtown, MD 20650-0197  
301-475-4651/301-475-4796 (fax)

#### Somerset Co.

P.O. Box 96  
Princess Anne, MD 21853-0096  
410-651-0767/410-651-5130 (fax)

#### Talbot Co.

P.O. Box 353  
Easton, MD 21601-0353  
410-770-8099/410-770-8078 (fax)

#### Washington Co.

35 W. Washington Street  
Room 101  
Hagerstown, MD 21740-4833  
240-313-2050/240-313-2051 (fax)

#### Wicomico Co.

P.O. Box 4091  
Salisbury, MD 21803-4091  
410-548-4830/410-548-4849 (fax)

#### Worcester Co.

100 Belt Street  
Snow Hill, MD 21863-1310  
410-632-1320/410-632-3031 (fax)