

Instructions for Application for Ballot by Mail

Residence Address - Give full address as shown on your voter registration certificate. If you have moved within the county but not yet changed your voter registration address with the voter registrar, indicate your new residence address.

Mail Ballot To - Give full address where you wish to have ballot mailed, if the address is different from your residence address.

Mailing Ballot to a Different Address - Your ballot must be mailed to your home where you live or to your mailing address on your voter registration certificate. There are some exceptions that allow you to have your ballot mailed to a different location as specified below.

Reason for voting by mail	Location to mail ballot
65 or disabled	Nursing home, assisted living/retirement center, relative, hospital
In jail	Address of jail or relative
Absent from county	Address located outside of county

Expected Absence from County - If you chose expected absence from county, you must expect to be absent from the county on election day and during the hours of early voting in person or for the remainder of the early voting period after you submit your application. **Your ballot must be mailed to an address outside the county.** Important: Give date you can receive mail at the address given. If an application is submitted after early voting in person has begun, this application must be submitted to your early voting clerk by mail or common/contract carrier. An application may be faxed if outside the county.

Deadline Your application must be received by the early voting clerk of the local entity conducting the election not earlier than the 60th day and not later than the 7th day before election day. If the 7th day is a weekend or holiday, the deadline is the first preceding business day. For a Saturday election, the deadline usually falls on the preceding Friday (8th day).

Sign and date your application - If unable to sign, please go to Witness/Address boxes (11a-11c on reverse) and have a person witness your mark. Witness/Assistant Instructions follow.

Witness/Assistant Section

Witness: If you are unable to sign your name (due to a physical disability or illiteracy), the application may be signed at Box #11b for you by a Witness. You must affix your mark to the application in Box #9 or, if you are unable to make a mark, then the Witness must check the appropriate box in 11b indicating the inability to make a mark. The Witness must state his/her name in printed form and indicate his/her relationship to you or, if unrelated, state that fact. The Witness must sign and provide his or her printed name and residence address. Unless the Witness is a close relative of the voter (parent, grandparent, spouse, child or sibling), it is a Class B misdemeanor for a person to witness more than one application for ballot by mail.

Assistant: If a person (other than a close relative or person registered to vote at the same address) assists you in completing this application in your presence or mails this application on your behalf, then that person must check the "Assistant box." The Assistant must sign, provide his or her printed name, and his or her residence address. A person commits a Class A misdemeanor if the person provides assistance without providing the information described above unless a close relative or registered at your address.

If you have further questions or need additional assistance, please contact your Early Voting Clerk or The Secretary of State's office at 1-800-252-8683 or www.sos.state.tx.us.