Absentee Ballot Requirements by State

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Alabama	Any qualified elector if s/he meets one of the following requirements: (1) The person expects to be out of the county or the state, or the municipality for municipal elections, on election day. (2) The person has any physical illness or infirmity which prevents his or her attendance at the polls, whether he or she is within or without the county on the day of the election. (3) The person expects to work a shift which has at least 10 hours which coincide with the hours the polls are open at his or her regular polling place. (4) The person is enrolled as a student at an educational institution located outside the county of his or her personal residence, attendance at which prevents his or her attendance at the polls. (5) The person is a member of, or spouse or dependent of a member of, the Armed Forces of the United States or is similarly qualified to vote absentee pursuant to the federal Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52 U.S.C. §§ 20301-20311. (6) The person has been appointed as an election officer or named as a poll watcher at a polling place other than his or her regular polling place. (7) The person is a caregiver for a family member to the second	Applications returned by mail must be received not less than seven days prior to the election. Applications returned by hand must be received not less than five days prior to the election. ALA. CODE § 17-11-3 (b) Any registered elector who requires emergency treatment of a licensed physician within five days of an election may apply for an emergency absentee ballot for the election and may vote by returning the absentee ballot no later than noon on the day the election is held. ALA. CODE § 17-11-3 (d) No absentee ballot shall be opened or counted if received by the absentee election manager by mail, unless received by mail no later than noon on the day of election, or, if received by the absentee election manager by hand delivery, unless so delivered by the voter or medical emergency designee to the absentee election manager not later than the close of the last business day next preceding the election or, if delivered by the medical emergency designee, by noon on the day of the election.. ALA. CODE § 17-11-18. ALA. CODE § 17-11-18 (a) does not apply when an individual who is voting absentee pursuant to the federal Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act	Any applicant may receive assistance in filling out the application as s/he desires, but the applicant must sign the application; if s/he signs by mark, a witness must also sign. ALA. CODE § 17-11-4 (b)(1).

	degree of kinship by affinity or consanguinity and the family member is confined to his or her home. (8) The person is incarcerated in prison or jail and has not been convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude, as provided in Section 17-3-30.1. ALA. CODE § 17-11-13.	(UOCAVA). For individual voting under UOCAVA no absentee ballot shall be opened or counted, if received by the absentee election manager by mail, unless postmarked as of the day of the primary, second primary, general, or special election and received by mail no later than noon seven days after the primary, second primary, general, or special election. ALA. CODE § 17-11-189 (b).	

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	Notwithstanding the above, a qualified voter who has a permanent disability preventing his or her attendance at the polls may vote by absentee ballot. ALA. CODE § 17-11.3.1. Applicants for an absentee ballot who do not appear on the state voter registration list shall not be entitled to an absentee ballot. ALA. CODE § 17- 11-9.		

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Alaska	At any election a qualified voter may vote an absentee ballot for any reason. ALASKA STAT. § 15.20.010 A qualified voter with a disability who, because of that disability, is unable to go to a polling place to vote may vote a special needs ballot. ALASKA STAT. § 15.20.072(a)	**SPECIAL NEEDS ASSISTANCE** In connection with special needs voting described herein, the representative of a qualified voter who requests a special needs ballot shall deliver the ballot and voter certificate to an election official not later than 8:00 p.m. Alaska time on election day. ALASKA STAT. § 15.20.072(e) A qualified voter may, through a representative, request a special needs ballot from the following election officials at the times specified: (1) from an absentee voting official on or after the 15th day before an election, up to and including election day; (2) from an election supervisor on or after the 15th day before an election up to and including election day; (3) from an absentee voting station designated under ALASKA STAT. § 15.20.045(b) on or after the 15th day before an election to up and including the date of the election; or (4) from a member of the precinct election board on election day. ALASKA STAT. § 15.20.072(b)	**SPECIAL NEEDS ASSISTANCE** A qualified voter may, through a representative, request a special needs ballot. ALASKA STAT. § 15.20.072(b) The representative must sign a register provided by an election official that includes the representative's name, address, identification numbers, voter's name, an oath and signature. ALASKA STAT. § 15.20.072(c) The representative shall deliver the special needs ballot and other voting materials to the voter as soon as practicable. The voter shall mark the ballot in secret, place the ballot in the secrecy sleeve, and place the secrecy sleeve in the envelope provided, and provide information on the envelope that would be required for absentee voting if the voter voted in person, and shall sign the voter's certificate in the presence of the representative. The representative shall sign as attesting official and date the voter's signature. If a qualified voter's disability precludes the voter from performing any of the above requirements, the representative may perform those requirements except making the voting decision on the voter's behalf. ALASKA STAT. § 15.20.072(d),(f) **ASSISTANCE GENERALLY** An individual may apply for an absentee ballot on behalf of a qualified voter if that individual is designated to act on behalf of the voter in a written general power of attorney or a written special power of attorney that

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		ASSISTANCE GENERALLY An application requesting delivery of an absentee ballot by mail must be received by the division of election not less than 10 days before the election; application for an absentee ballot for a state election requesting delivery of an absentee ballot by electronic transmission must be received by the division of elections not later than 5:00 p.m. Alaska time on the day before the election. ALASKA STAT. § 15.20.081(b) Absentee ballots must be marked on or before the date of the election. Ballot must be postmarked on or before election day and must be received by close of business the 10th day after the election. ALASKA STAT. § 15.20.081(e)	authorizes the other individual to apply for an absentee ballot on behalf of the voter. ALASKA STAT. § 15.20.081(a)
Arizona	Any qualified elector may vote by early ballot. ARIZ. REV. STAT. § 16-541	Within ninety-three days before any election, an elector may make a verbal or signed request to the county recorder, or other officer in charge of elections. The request must be received by the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections no later than 5:00 p.m. on the 11th day preceding the election. ARIZ. REV. STAT. § 16-542(A), (E) Voters may request to be included on a permanent list of voters to receive early ballots. To be included on the permanent early voting list, the voter shall make a written request	If a voter needs assistance in completing an early ballot, the assistant must sign an affidavit setting forth that the assistant provided the assistance because the voter was physically unable to mark the ballot solely due to illness, injury or physical limitation and understands that there is no power of attorney for voting and that the voter must be able to make their selection even if they cannot physically mark the ballot. ARIZ. REV. STAT. § 16-547

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		specifically requesting that the voter's name be added to the permanent early voting list for all elections in which the applicant is eligible to vote. ARIZ. REV. STAT. § 16-544(A),(B) A ballot must be received by the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections or deposited at any polling place in the county no later than 7:00 p.m. on election day. ARIZ. REV. STAT. § 16-548. **Assistance from special election boards** In lieu of the mailed early ballot procedure, any qualified elector who is confined as the result of a continuing illness or physical disability and is, therefore, not able to go to the polls and does not wish to vote by the mailed early ballot procedure, may make a request to have a ballot personally delivered by the special election board at the elector's place of confinement. Such requests must be made by 5:00 p.m. on the second Friday before the election. Marked ballots are then handed by the elector to the special election board. ARIZ. REV. STAT. § 16-549(C), (E).	
Arkansas	The following persons, if possessing the qualifications of electors, may cast an absentee ballot: (1) persons unavoidably absent from voting place on day of election; and (2)	If submitting an absentee ballot application using the form prescribed in § 7-5-405 (see below), applications submitted in person must be submitted no later than close of	An authorized agent may deliver applications for absentee ballots to the county clerk and obtain absentee ballots from the county clerk for not more than two voters who cannot cast a ballot at the appropriate polling place because the voter is a patient in a hospital or long-term

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	persons unable to attend the polls on election day because of illness or physical disability. ARK. CODE § 7-5-402	business on the Friday before election day. If submitted by mail, applications must be received not later than seven days before the election. An authorized agent may deliver the application to the office of the county clerk of the county of residence of the applicant not later than 1:30 p.m. on the day of the election. ARK. CODE § 7-5-404(3). Among other things, the application form must contain a statement in which the voter must indicate that s/he is requesting an absentee ballot because s/he will be: (1) unavoidably absent from the polling site on election day; (2) unable to attend the polls on election day because of illness or physical disability; (3) unable to attend the polls on election day because of residence in a long-term care or residential facility licensed by the state; or (4) unable to attend the polls due to observance of a religious discipline or religious holiday during the entire twelve (12) hours that the polls are open on election day. Statement must also include mailing information for the ballot or the name and signature of an authorized agent. *Id.* at § 7-5-405 Absentee voting must be accomplished in one of the following methods: (1) By delivery of the ballot by mail that must be received in the office of the county clerk of the	care or residential care facility licensed by the state. ARK. CODE § 7-5-403(b)(1). The authorized agent must submit to the county clerk an affidavit from the administrative head of a hospital or long-term care or residential care facility licensed by the state that the applicant is a patient of the hospital or long-term care or residential care facility licensed by the state and is thereby unable to vote at his/her regular polling site. *Id.* at § 7-5-403(b)(4)(A).

		county of residence of the voter not later than 7:30 p.m. on election day; (2) by delivery of the ballot to the county clerk of the county of residence of the voter not later than 7:30 p.m. on election day by the authorized agent of the voter who is medically unable to vote at the regular polling site, upon proper verification of the signature of the voter by the clerk and validation of the authorized agent; and (3) the voter may deliver the ballot to the clerk not later than the close of regular business hours on the day before the election. *Id.* at § 7-5-411.	

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California	The vote by mail ballot shall be available to any registered voter. CAL. ELEC. CODE § 3003.	The county elections official shall have five days to mail a ballot to each active registered voter by the 29th day before the day of the election and five days for each voter who registers to vote after that date. CAL. ELEC. CODE § 3001. Mail ballots must be received by the elections official from whom it came, the precinct board, or the vote by mail drop off location before the close of the polls on election day. *Id.* § 3017(a).	

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Colorado	Any eligible elector may vote by mail-in ballot at any election. COLO. REV. STAT. § 1-7.5-104	Not sooner than twenty-nine days before a general, primary, or other mail ballot election, and no later than twenty-five days before the election, the county clerk and recorder or designated election official shall mail to each active registered elector, at the last mailing address appearing in the registration records. COLO. REV. STAT. § 1-7.5-107(3)(a)(I) To receive a ballot by mail an elector must submit his or her voter registration application on or before the eighth day before the election, or on or before the twenty-second day before the election if submitting an application through a voter registration drive. COLO. REV. STAT. §§ 1-2-201(4),(3)(b)(1). All envelopes containing mail ballots must be in the hands of the county clerk and recorder or designated election official no later than 7 p.m. on the day of the election. COLO. REV. STAT. § 1-7.5-107.	If a group residential facility does not have mail boxes in which a representative of the United States postal service may directly deposit mail, and more than seven mail ballots are to be sent to that group residential facility, a committee consisting of one employee of the county clerk and recorder of the county in which the facility is located and, where available, a representative appointed by each of the major political parties shall deliver the mail ballots and return the voted ballots to the office of the county clerk and recorder. COLO. REV. STAT. § 1-7.5-113. If the eligible elector is unable to sign the self-affirmation, the eligible elector may affirm by making a mark on the self-affirmation, with or without assistance, witnessed by another person. COLO. REV. STAT. § 1-7.5-107 (b.5)(I)(A)

Connecticut	Any elector eligible to vote at a primary or an election and any person eligible to vote at a referendum may vote by absentee ballot, provided such elector properly completes and submits an absentee ballot application in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. CONN GEN. STAT. § 9-135		**Supervised absentee voting by patients at institutions upon request of registrar or administrator** If less than twenty of the patients in any institution (which includes mental health facilities) in the state are electors, absentee ballots voted by such electors shall, upon request of either registrant of voters or the administrator, be voted under the supervision of such registrars or their designees. The administrator of the institution shall make a request for supervised absentee voting in writing to the town clerk and registrars of voters not more than 45 days

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		No specific deadline relating to return of application set forth in the statute; however, for applications returned to the municipal clerk electronically or by fax, the original copy must be received by the clerk by the close of the polls on the day of the election. CONN GEN. STAT. § 9-140(a)(2) Absentee ballots shall be cast only if it is, in relevant part, (1) mailed by a designee of a person (someone who cares for that person) who applies for an absentee ballot because of illness or physical disability so that it is received by the municipal clerk no later than the close of the polls; or (2) it is returned by a designee of an ill or physically disabled ballot applicant, in person, to the municipal clerk not later than the close of the polls on the day of the election. A designee returning the absentee ballot to the municipal clerk in person (provision (2) above) shall present identification and, on the outer envelope of the absentee ballot, sign his name in the presence of the municipal clerk, and indicate his address, his relationship to the voter or his position, and the date and time of such return. CONN GEN. STAT. § 9-140b	prior to an election or 34 days prior to a primary and not later than the seventh day prior to an election or primary. If any elector asks for assistance in voting his ballot, two registrars or their designees of different political parties or, for a primary, their designees of different candidates, shall render such assistance as they deem necessary and appropriate to enable such elector to vote his ballot. CONN GEN. STAT. § 9-159q **Mandatory supervised voting at institutions** If twenty or more of the patients in any institution in the state are electors, absentee ballots voted by such electors shall be voted under the supervision of the registrars of voters or their designees of the town in which the institution is located. Application for an absentee ballot for any such patient shall be made to the clerk of the town in which such patient is eligible to vote. The application procedure set forth in section 9-140 shall apply, except that the clerk shall deliver the absentee voting set for any such application to the clerk, who shall deliver all such voting sets he receives to the registrars of such town, on the date when the supervision of absentee balloting is to occur. CONN GEN. STAT. § 9-159r **Notice to conservators and guardians** Administrator of an institution shall use his best efforts to provide written notice to any conservator or guardian appointed to manage the affairs of a resident of such institution, at least seven days prior to the date any voter registration or voting opportunity is presented to the resident with respect to a primary, referendum or election, or at least seven days prior to the date when the resident may be brought to a polling place to vote in person. These notification provisions shall not apply when a member of the resident's immediate family provides the resident with

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			an absentee ballot application or brings the resident to a polling place to vote. CONN GEN. STAT. § 9-159s
Delaware	Any qualified elector may cast a vote by absentee ballot if they are sick or physically disabled. 15 DEL. CODE § 5502(4) An elector qualified to vote by absentee ballot due to being sick or permanently disabled may apply in writing for permanent absentee status. 15 DEL. CODE § 5503(k)	Affidavits requesting an absentee ballot must be filed with department of elections no later than noon the day before the election. 15 DEL. CODE § 5503(a) Absentee ballots must be returned to the department of elections before the polls close on the day of the election. 15 DEL. CODE § 5508(b)	
District of Columbia	The elections board shall permit any duly registered voter to vote by absentee ballot, for any reason, under such rules as the Board may issue. DC CODE §1-1001.09	Requests for absentee/mail-in ballots must be received no later than the fifteenth day before the election. Completed absentee/mail-in ballots must be postmarked by Election Day and received by the 10th day after the election. https://dcboe.org/voters/casting-your-vote/mail-ballot-request	

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Florida	It is the intent of the legislature that voting by absentee ballot be by methods that are fully accessible to all voters, including voters having a disability. FLA. STAT. § 101.662 Elections supervisor may accept a request for an absentee ballot from the elector's legal guardian or immediate family. FLA. STAT. § 101.62(1)(b)	A request for a vote-by-mail ballot to be mailed to a voter must be received no later than 5 p.m. on the 12th day before the election. FLA. STAT. § 101.62(3)(c) Vote-by-mail ballots must be received no later than 7 p.m. on the day of the election. FLA. STAT. § 101.6103(2)	**Assistance Generally** Electors who require assistance to vote because of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write may have some person of the elector's choice, other than his/her employer, agent of his/her employer, or an officer/agent of the elector's union, mark the elector's choices or assist in marking his/her choices. FLA. STAT. § 101.661(1) **Supervised voting by absent electors in certain facilities** Supervisor of elections of a county shall provide supervised voting for absent electors residing in any assisted living facility or nursing home facility, within that county at the request of any administrator of such a facility. Such request shall be made by submitting a written request to the supervisor no later than 21 days prior to the relevant election. The request shall specify the name/address of the facility and the name of the electors who wish to vote absentee in that election. If the request contains the names of fewer than five voters, the supervisor is not required to provided supervised voting.

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			FLA. STAT. § 101.655(1) The election supervisor may, absent a request, provide for supervised voting in the facility for those persons who have requested absentee ballots. FLA. STAT. § 101.655(2) The supervised voting team shall deliver the ballots to the respective absent electors, and each member of the team shall jointly supervise the voting of ballots. Electors may receive assistance of the members of the supervised voting team. FLA. STAT. § 101.655(5)
Georgia	Absentee elector means an elector of the state or a municipality thereof who casts a ballot in an election other than in person at the polls on the day of such election. An elector who votes by absentee ballot shall not be required to provide a reason in order to cast an absentee ballot in any election. GEORGIA CODE § 21-2-380	Electors may request an absentee ballot up until the Friday before the election (according to the state's website). Absentee ballots must be returned to the board of registrars or absentee ballot clerk prior to the closing of the polls on the day of the election. GEORGIA CODE § 21-2-386(a)(1)(F).	A physically disabled or illiterate elector may receive assistance in preparing his/her ballot from anyone except an employer or an agent of employer or an agent of elector's union. No person on the ballot or a relative thereof may provide such assistance. The person rendering assistance to the elector shall sign the oath printed on the same envelope as the oath to be signed by the elector. GEORGIA CODE § 21-2-385(b)
Hawaii	Beginning in 2020, all elections will be conducted by mail. HAW. REV. STAT. § 11-101	Beginning in 2020, all voters will receive a ballot in the mail approximately 18 days before the election. HAW. REV. STAT. § 11-102(b) Any person registered to vote may request an absentee ballot or permanent absentee ballot in person or in writing from the clerk at any time but not later than 4:30 p.m. on	Any voter who requires assistance may receive assistance by a person of voter's choice, except that the voter's employer or employer's agent, the voter's union or agent of union, or any candidate on the ballot may not provide such assistance. HAW. REV. STAT. § 11-139

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		the seventh day prior to the election. HAW. REV. STAT. § 15-4 If the ballot is returned in person to any place of deposit or a voter service center, elector must return ballot by no later than the closing hour of voting. If returned by mail, ballot must be received by no later than the closing hour of voting on election day. HAW. REV. STAT. § 11-104(c)(2).	
Idaho	Any registered elector of the state of Idaho may vote at any election by absentee ballot in the manner prescribed by the statute. *ID.* CODE § 34-1001.	Applications for mail-in absentee ballots must be received by the county clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. on the eleventh day before an election. *ID.* CODE § 34-1002(7) Absentee ballots must be received by the issuing officer by 8:00 p.m. on the day of election before such ballot may be counted. *ID.* CODE § 34-1005.	Electors physically unable to mark their own ballot may receive assistance in marking such ballot from the officer delivering same or an available person of the elector's own choosing. In the event that the election officer is requested to render assistance in marking an absent elector's ballot, the officer shall ascertain the desires of the elector and shall vote the applicant's ballot accordingly. When such ballot is marked by an election officer, the witnesses on hand shall be allowed to observe such marking. No one providing assistance to a disabled voter shall attempt to influence that elector's vote in any manner. *ID.* CODE § 34-1003(7).
Illinois	Any qualified elector of the State of Illinois having duly registered where such registration is required may vote [by mail]. 10 ILCS 5/19-1	Applications for absentee ballots by mail are due to the county clerk or the board of election commissioners no less than 5 days prior to the date of such election; applications by personal delivery are due no less than one day prior to the date of such election. 10 ILCS 5/19-2. Ballots received before the closing of the polls on election day will be	For purposes of the statutory provisions concerning absentee voting, a physically incapacitated voter marks his/her ballot "personally" when the voter exercises his/her physical abilities to their reasonable limit in marking the ballot, and marking personally may include instructing the person assisting the incapacitated voter when giving such instruction represents the reasonable limit of the physical abilities. 10 ILCS 5/19-1 If the return address on an absentee ballot application for a physically incapacitated elector is that of a facility

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		counted. If postmarked on or before election day, but received after polls close, the ballot will be counted with provisional ballots if received before provisional ballots are finished being counted. 10 ILCS 5/19-8.	licensed or certified under the Nursing Home Care Act, the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act, or the ID/DD Community Care Act, and the applicant is a registered voter in the precinct in which such facility is located, a responsible judge of elections shall deliver in person on the designated day the ballot to the applicant on the premises of the facility from which application was made. 10 ILCS 5/19-4. Any qualified elector who has an Illinois Disabled Person Identification Card or who has a permanent physical incapacity of such a nature as to make it improbable that he will be able to be present at the polls at any future election, or any voter who is a resident of a federally operated veterans' home, hospital, or facility located in Illinois or a facility licensed or certified pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Act, the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act or the ID/DD Community Care Act and has a condition or disability of such a nature as to make it improbable that he will be able to be present at the polls at any future election, may secure a disabled voter's or nursing home resident's identification card, which will enable him to vote as a physically incapacitated or nursing home voter. Applications should be addressed to the county clerk or board of election commissioners. 10 ILCS 5/19-12.1. Voting by physically incapacitated electors who have made proper application to the election authority not later than 5 days before the election shall be conducted on the premises of (i) federally operated veterans' homes, hospitals, and facilities located in Illinois or (ii) facilities licensed or certified pursuant to the Nursing Home Care Act, the Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act or the ID/DD Community Care Act for the sole benefit of residents of such homes, hospitals and facilities. Such voting shall be conducted during any continuous period sufficient to allow all applicants to cast their ballots between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. either on the Friday, Saturday,

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			Sunday, or Monday immediately preceding the regular election, to be arranged with the chief administrative officer of the relevant facility. 10 ILCS 5/19-12.2. Any qualified voter who has been admitted to a hospital, nursing home or rehabilitation center due to an illness or physical injury not more than 14 days before an election shall be entitled to personal delivery of an absentee ballot in the relevant facility, provided the voter completes the application for physically incapacitated electors and the voter's physician completes a certificate. Anyone registered to vote in the same precinct as the admitted voter or any of his/her legal relatives may present such voter's absentee ballot application to the election authority and obtain an absentee ballot for that elector provided he/she signs an affidavit. 10 ILCS 5/19-13.
Indiana	The following voters, among others, are entitled to vote by mail: (1) Voters confined on election day to the voter's residence, to a health care facility, or to a hospital because of an illness or injury during the twelve hours that the polls are open; (2) voters with disabilities; and (3) elderly voters. IND. CODE § 3-11-10-24(a).	Generally, an application for an absentee ballot must be received by the circuit court clerk not later than 11:59 P.M. twelve days before the election day. IND. CODE § 3-11-4-3(a).	A voter with disabilities who (1) is unable to make a voting mark on the ballot or sign the absentee ballot secrecy envelope, and (2) requests that the absentee ballot be delivered to an address within Indiana, must vote before an absentee voter board under section 25(b) of this chapter. *Id.* § 3-11-10-24(d) If requested by a voter who votes by absentee ballot because of illness or a voter with disabilities whose precinct is not accessible to voters with disabilities, an absentee voter board shall visit the voter's place of confinement, the residence of the voter with disabilities or the private residence during the regular office hours of the circuit court clerk at a time agreed to by the board and the voter on any of the 19 days immediately before election day and only once before an election unless the confined voter is unavailable at the time of the board's first visit due to a medical emergency; or the board, in its discretion, decides to make an additional visit. *Id.* § 3-11-10-25.

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Iowa	Any registered voter may, subject to the provisions of the chapter concerning absent voters, vote by absentee ballot at any election: (1) when the voter expects to be absent on election day during the time the polls are open from the precinct in the which the voter is a registered voter; (2) when, through illness or physical disability, the voter expects to be prevented from going to the polls and voting on election day; (3) when the voter expects to be unable to go to the polls and vote on election day. A person who has been designated to have power of attorney by a registered voter does not have authority to request or to cast an absentee ballot on behalf of the registered voter. I.C.A. § 53.1.	Ballots shall be returned to the commissioner's office no later than the time the polls are closed on election day. However, if delivered by the voter's designee, the ballot shall be delivered within seventy-two hours of retrieving it from the voter or before the closing of the polls on election day, whichever is earlier. I.C.A. § 53.17(1)(a). A written application to the commissioner for an absentee ballot must be received by the commissioner no later than 5:00 p.m. 10 days before the election. I.C.A. § 53.2.	<u>Balloting by confined persons - I.C.A. § 53.22</u> 1(a)(1): A registered voter who has applied for an absentee ballot, in a manner other than that prescribed by section 53.10 (absentee voting at the commissioner's office) or 53.11 (satellite absentee voting), and who is a resident or patient in a health care facility or hospital located in the county to which the application has been submitted shall be delivered the appropriate absentee ballot by two special precinct election officers, one of whom shall be a member of each of the political parties, who shall be appointed by the commissioner from the election board panel for the special precinct established by section 53.20. 1(a)(2): If materials are prepared for the two special precinct election officials, a list shall be made of all voters to whom ballots are to be delivered. The list shall be sent with the officials who deliver the ballots and shall include spaces to indicate whether the person was present at the hospital or health care facility when the officials arrived, whether the person requested assistance from the officials, whether the person was assisted by another person of the voter's choice, the time that the ballot was returned to the officials, and any other notes the officials deem necessary. 2: Any registered voter who becomes a patient or resident of a hospital or health care facility where the voter is registered within three days prior to the date of any election may request an absentee ballot during that period. The registered voter may also make the request directly to the officers who are delivering and returning absentee ballots under this section, or by telephone to the office of the commissioner not later than four hours before the close of the polls. 3. The commissioner may mail absentee ballots to voters from a single health care facility if there are no more than two applications from that facility.

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			4. The commissioner shall mail an absentee ballot to a registered voter who has applied for an absentee ballot and who is a patient or resident of a hospital or health care facility outside the county in which the voter is registered to vote. 5. If the registered voter becomes a patient or resident of a hospital or health care facility outside the county where the voter is registered to vote within three days before the date of any election or on election day, the voter may designate a person to deliver and return the absentee ballot. The request for an absentee ballot may be made by telephone to the office of the commissioner not later than four hours before the close of the polls and ballots must be delivered to the commissioner no later than the time the polls are closed on election day. If the ballot is returned by mail, the return envelope must be received by the time the polls close or clearly postmarked not later than the day before the election and received by the commissioner no later than the time established for the canvas by the board of supervisors for that election.
Kansas	Any registered voter is eligible to vote by mail. K.S.A. § 25-1119. Any person having a permanent disability or an illness which has been diagnosed as a permanent illness is authorized to make an application for permanent advance voting status. Applications for permanent advance voting status shall be in the form and contain such information as is required for application for advance ballots and also shall contain information which establishes the voter's right to	Applications for advance voting ballots to be transmitted to the voter by mail shall be filed only at the following times: For primary and general elections, the deadline is the Tuesday of the week preceding the election; An application for an advance voting ballot filed by a voter who has a temporary illness or disability or who is not proficient in reading the English language or by a person rendering assistance to such voter may be filed during the regular	Any sick, physically disabled or illiterate voter who is unable to apply for or mark or transmit an advance voting ballot, may request assistance by a person who has signed a statement required by subsection K.S.A. § 25-1124(d) (attesting that s/he has not exercised undue influence on the voting decision of the sick, physically disabled or illiterate voter) in applying for or marking an advance voting ballot. K.S.A. § 25-1124.

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	permanent advance voting status. K.S.A. § 25-1122.	advance ballot application periods until the close of the polls on election day. K.S.A. § 25-1122. Advance voting ballots must be received by the hour for poll closing on election day. The deadline for receiving mail in advance ballots is 7:00 pm on election day. K.S.A. § 25-1132.	
Kentucky	Any voter who is qualified to vote on election day in the county of his or her residence may choose to cast a no-excuse in-person absentee ballot on the Thursday, Friday, or Saturday immediately preceding the day of an election. KY. REV. STAT. § 117.076(1) A voter who is eligible to vote on Election Day in the county where they live may apply to cast an excused in-person absentee ballot during normal business hours on any of the six business days before no-excuse in-person absentee voting begins under subsection (1). To vote an excused in-person absentee ballot, the voter must meet at least one of the following requirements:	No Excuse in person absentee ballots can be casted on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday immediately preceding the day of an election. KY. REV. STAT. § 117.076 A voter is has an excuse may cast an in person absentee ballot any six business days before non excused in person absentee ballot.	Except for those voters who have been certified as requiring assistance in voting on a permanent or annual basis, no voter shall be permitted to receive any assistance in voting at the polls unless the voter makes and signs an oath that, because of blindness, other physical disability, or an inability to read English, the voter is unable to vote without assistance. A voter requiring assistance in voting may, if the voter prefers, be assisted by a person of the voter's own choice who is not an election officer, except that the voter's employer, an agent of the voter's employer, or an officer or agent of the voter's union shall not assist a voter. KY. REV. STAT. § 117.255(2), (3). Additionally, any person who assists another person in voting by use of an absentee ballot by mail or on a voting machine in the county clerk's office or other place designated by the county board of elections and approved by the State Board of Elections, shall complete the voter assistance form required by KY. REV. STAT. § 117.255. *Id.* § 117.0863.

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	(b) Has surgery, or whose spouse has surgery, scheduled that will require hospitalization on the day of an election and during the days of no-excuse in-person absentee voting; (f)Has not been declared mentally disabled by a court of competent jurisdiction and, due to age, disability, or illness, is not able to appear at the polls on election day and during the days of no-excuse in-person absentee voting; (g) Is a caregiver who is providing medical or healthcare assistance to a voter who is qualified to cast a ballot under paragraph (f) of this subsection; KY. REV. STAT. § 117.076(2) Except as otherwise provided in KRS 117.077 and covered voters in paragraph (i) of this subsection, a qualified voter may apply to cast his or her vote by mail-in absentee ballot if the completed application is received fourteen (14) days before the election, and if the voter is: Not able to appear at the polls on election day or the days excused or no-excuse in-person absentee voting is conducted on the account of age, disability, or illness, and who has not been declared mentally disabled by a court of competent jurisdiction. KY. REV. STAT. § 117.085	In order to be counted, absentee ballots shall be received by the clerk by at least the time established by the election laws generally for the closing of the polls, which time shall not include the extra hour during which those voters may vote who were waiting in line to vote at the scheduled poll closing time. *Id.* § 117.086	

Louisiana	In person - Any person who is qualified to vote may vote during the early voting period at a place designated by the registrar as provided in LA. STAT. ANN. REV. STAT. § 18:1309. **By mail** - In relevant part, a person who is otherwise qualified to vote and who is involuntarily confined in an institution for mental treatment outside the parish in which he is qualified to vote, who is not interdicted and not judicially	Applications for absentee ballots must be received by the registrar not later than 4:30 p.m. on the fourth day prior to the election for which it is requested. LA. STAT. ANN. REV. STAT. § 18:1307. All absentee by mail ballots received by the registrar by 4:30 p.m. on the day before election day shall be counted. LA. STAT. ANN. REV. STAT. § 18:1308.	Any person otherwise qualified to vote by absentee by mail who is visually impaired or physically disabled or who is unable to read or write may receive assistance in voting absentee by mail from any person selected by him. Any person who assists a voter in voting absentee by mail shall execute the acknowledgement on the ballot envelope flap prepared by the secretary of state, verifying that the person providing the assistance has marked the ballot in the manner dictated by the voter. LA. STAT. ANN. REV. STAT. § 18:1310. **Nursing home early voting program and voting by persons residing in a nursing home**(LA. STAT. ANN. REV. STAT. § 18:1333). A qualified voter who resides in a nursing home within the parish in which he is entitled to vote and who is unable to vote in person at the polls on election day or during early voting due to a physical disability may vote early as provided in this Section during the period extending at least one week prior to the beginning day for early voting through the last day for early voting. The term "nursing home" means a private home, institution, building, residence or other place, serving two

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	declared incompetent, may vote absentee by mail upon meeting the requirements of the absentee ballot provisions **Disabled voters** - A qualified voter may vote absentee by mail if the voter meets the requirements of this Chapter and provides the registrar of voters with one of the following: (a) A copy of a current mobility impairment identification card issued by the secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections under R.S. 47:463.4. The card must include the voter's photograph and the international symbol of accessibility. (b) A copy of current documentation showing that the voter is eligible for Social Security disability benefits, veterans' disability benefits, paratransit services, benefits from the Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities, or benefits from Louisiana Rehabilitation Services. (c) Current proof of disability from a physician, optometrist, physician assistant as defined in R.S. 37:1360.22, or nurse practitioner as defined in R.S. 37:913. (2) A voter who mails the documentation required under Paragraph (1) must also include either: A copy of the voter's Louisiana		or more persons which undertakes through its ownership or management, to provide maintenance, personal care, or nursing for persons who, by reason of illness or physical infirmity or age, are unable to properly care for themselves. The term does not include, among other institutions, a hospital, sanitarium or other institution whose principal activity or business is the care and treatment of persons suffering from tuberculosis or from mental diseases. LA. STAT. ANN. REV. STAT. §§ 18:1333, 40:2009.2 Voters qualified to vote under this Section shall make application to vote pursuant to this Section to the registrar of voters by letter, which shall be submitted to and received by the registrar of voters at least thirty days prior to the election. The registrar shall notify the applicant by letter the day on which a deputy registrar or other qualified person selected by the registrar will be present at the nursing home to permit the applicant to cast his ballot. To vote, the voter shall present to the registrar on the date selected for voting the letter he received from the registrar that bears the reply number assigned. The voter may receive assistance from any person selected by him, except those prohibited from assisting a voter pursuant to § 18:1309.3 and the owner, operator, or administrator of the nursing home or an employee of any of them. Those who provide assistance must execute an acknowledgement on a form prescribed and furnished by the registrar. *Id.* § 18:1333.

	driver's license, Louisiana special identification card issued under R.S. 40:1321, or another commonly accepted photo identification card containing the voter's name and signature; or A form listing the names and addresses of at least two people who live in the voter's precinct and who could swear, if required, that the voter has a physical disability.LA. STAT. ANN. REV. STAT. § 18:1303.		

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	Applications for applicants eligible to vote absentee by virtue of their disabled status as set forth above shall remain valid indefinitely unless an absentee by mail ballot that has been sent to the applicant is returned to the registrar as undeliverable. *Id.* § 18:1307		
Maine	Absentee ballots may be cast at any election by any voter who requests an absentee ballot as provided under this subchapter concerning absentee voting. The voter need not specify a reason to receive an absentee ballot. 21-A ME. REV. STAT. ANN. § 751.	An application for an absentee ballot must be received by the 3rd business day before election day, unless the voter signs an application stating one of the following reasons for requesting an absentee ballot after the deadline: (1) unexpected absence from the municipality during the entire time the polls are open on election day, (2) physical disability or mental disability, (3) inability to travel to the polls if the voter is a resident of a coastal island ward or precinct, or (4) an incapacity or illness that has resulted in the voter's being unable to leave home or a treatment facility. 21-A ME. REV. STAT. ANN. § 753-B(2)(D) A third person shall, unless good cause is shown, return an absentee ballot to the clerk's office within two business days of the date that ballot was provided to the 3rd person or by the close of the polls on election day, whichever is earlier. 21-A ME. REV. STAT. ANN. § 753-B(3). In order to be valid, an absentee ballot must be delivered to the	The voter may designate an immediate family member or a third person to deliver the absentee ballot on the voter's behalf. An immediate family member of a voter may make an application or written request for an absentee ballot for the voter. A voter who is unable to read, sign or complete an application because of physical disability, illiteracy, or religious faith may request another person, other than the voter's employer or agent of that employer or an officer or agent of the voter's union, to assist the voter in reading, signing or completing the application. If an aide assists a voter by reading or signing the application, the aide shall complete and sign the certificate on the application stating that the aide has assisted the voter. 21-A ME. REV. STAT. ANN. § 753-A (2). (1) A voter who is unable to read or mark the ballot because of the voter's physical disability, illiteracy or religious faith may request another person, other than the voter's employer or agent of that employer or officer or agent of the voter's union, to assist the voter in reading or marking the ballot. (2) The voter or the aide must mark the ballot in the presence of one of the following witnesses: notary public, clerk or a municipality, clerk of courts or another individual.

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		municipal clerk at any time before the polls are closed. 21-A ME. REV. STAT. ANN. § 755.	(3) The voter or aide, before marking the ballot, must show it to the witness who must examine it to be certain it is unmarked. (4) While the voter or aide is marking the ballot, there may be no communication between the voter and any individual, other than the aide who must mark the ballot as the voter indicates, as to the person or question for which the voter is to vote. (5) The voter or aide must mark the ballot according to section 691 or 692 so that it is impossible for anyone else present to see how the voter voted, then seal the ballot in its return envelope. The voter or the aide at the voter's request shall complete and sign the affidavit in the presence of the witness, who shall sign the witness certification. The aide must complete and sign the certification for aides on the outside of the envelope. (6) The voter or aide must then complete the address on the envelope and mail or deliver it personally or by the 3rd person who was designated in the application to the clerk of the municipality of which the voter is a resident. The voter must send a completed voter registration or absentee ballot application, if necessary, in a separate envelope. *Id.* § 754-A. Alternate method of balloting by residents of certain licensed facilities (21-A ME. REV. STAT. ANN. § 753-B(5)) The municipal clerk shall designate one or more times during the 30-day period prior to an election during which the municipal clerk shall be present in each licensed nursing home subject to the provisions of Title 22, chapter 405; licensed residential care facility subject to the provisions of Title 22, chapter 1664; and assisted housing program subject to the provisions of Title 22, chapter

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			1664, in the municipality for the purpose of conducting absentee voting by residents of these facilities. The licensed residential care facilities referred to in this subsection are those that are licensed as Level II facilities. The clerk shall designate which areas in these facilities constitute the voting place, the voting booth and the guardrail enclosure. Sections 681 and 682 apply to voting in these facilities within the areas designated by the clerk.
Maryland	An individual may vote by absentee ballot except to the extent preempted under an applicable federal law. MD. ELEC. LAW § 9-304	An electronic request for an absentee ballot to be sent by mail or facsimile to the applicant must be received by the local board on or before 11:59:59 p.m. on the Tuesday before election. An electronic request for an absentee ballot to be sent via the internet to the applicant must be received by the local board on or before 11:59:59 p.m. on the Friday before the election. A mail request for an absentee ballot to be sent by mail or facsimile to the applicant must be received by the local board on or before 8 p.m. on the Tuesday before the election. A	A qualified applicant may designate a duly authorized agent to pick up and deliver an absentee ballot. An agent of the voter: 1) must be at least 18 years old; 2) may not be a candidate on that ballot; 3) shall be designated in a writing signed by the voter under penalty of perjury; and 4) shall execute an affidavit under penalty of perjury that the ballot was: i) delivered to the voter who submitted the application; ii) marked and placed in an envelope by the voter, or with assistance as allowed by regulation, in the agent's presence; and iii) returned to the local board by the agent. MD. ELEC. LAW § 9-307 A voter who requires assistance in casting an absentee ballot by reason of disability, inability to write, or inability to read the ballot may be assisted by any individual other than: 1) candidate on the ballot; 2) voter's employer or an agent of the employer; or 3) an officer or agent of the voter's union.

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		mail request for an absentee ballot to be sent via internet to the applicant must be received by the local board on or before 5 p.m. on the Friday before the election. An in person request for an absentee ballot by the voter or the voter's authorized agent must be received on or before 8 p.m. MD. CODE REGS. 33.11.02.01.	An individual rendering assistance shall execute a certification as prescribed by the State Board and included in the absentee ballot instructions. MD. ELEC. LAW § 9-308.

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Massachusetts	Any voter who during the hours that polling places are open on the day of state election or primary or presidential primary is absent from the city or town where he is a voter for any reason or who will be unable by reason of physical disability to cast his vote in person at the polling place and whose application for an official absent voting ballot has been filed with the city or town clerk as provided in section eighty nine and certified under section ninety-one may vote by absentee ballot. MA. GEN. LAWS ch. 54, § 86. Voters who are unable by reason of permanent physical disability to cast their vote in person at the polling place may file once with the city or town clerk a certificate executed by a registered physician who is personally acquainted with the voter and aware of his permanent physical disability, stating that it is reasonably certain because of permanent physical disability that the voter will be unable to cast his vote in person	All absentee ballots returned by mail, delivered to the city or town clerk's office, placed in a secure municipal drop box, or returned electronically under section 91C must be received before the polls close on Election Day. However, an absentee ballot mailed on or before the day of a biennial state election may be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on the third day after the election and must be processed under section 95. A legible postmark may be used as proof of when the ballot was mailedMA. GEN. LAWS ch. 54, § 93.	A voter wishing to vote early by mail who needs accommodation by reason of disability may request such accommodation from the state secretary. A family member of a person qualified to vote by absent voting ballot may apply on behalf of such person. MA. GEN. LAWS ch. 54, § 25B An absent voter who because of blindness or other physical disability or inability to read or read in English is unable to prepare his ballot may at his discretion be assisted in marking it by any person whom he may designate. Such designated person shall add in writing a statement that the voter is unable to write, the reason therefor, and shall sign the voter's name on the inner envelope. MA. GEN. LAWS ch. 54, § 98. The official absent voting ballot and accompanying papers shall be delivered to a voter who is a patient or resident at a designated health care facility in person, by a registrar, assistant registrar or absent registration officer, at the designated address. For the purposes of this section, a "designated health care facility" shall mean a hospital or clinic, a long-term care facility, a convalescent or nursing home, a rest home or a charitable home for the aged, a clinical laboratory subject to licensing under chapter 111D,a public medical institution, which is any medical institution, and, any institution for the developmentally disabled or mentally ill, supported in whole or in part by public funds, staffed by professional, medical and nursing personnel and providing medical care, in accordance with standards established through licensing, approval or certification for participation in the programs administered under Titles 18 and 19 of the Federal Social Security Act, by the department; and any part of such facilities; provided, however, that "health care facility" shall not include a facility operated by and for persons

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	at the polling place on the day of the election. *Id.*		who rely exclusively upon treatment by spiritual means through prayer for healing, in accordance with the creed or tenets of a church or religious denomination and in which health care by or under the supervision of doctors of medicine, osteopathy, or dentistry is not provided. The designated health care facility is a health care facility within the city or town, which has been designated for the purpose of supervised absentee voting, in writing, and must have filed with the city or town clerk, not later than twenty-eight days before a primary or election, by any two registrars or election commissioners. MA. GEN. LAWS ch. 54, § 91B; ch. 111, § 25B. A voter to whom an election official delivered the ballot in person at a designated health care facility shall return it to such election official, who shall return it in his custody to the office of the city or town clerk. MA. GEN. LAWS ch. 54, § 92.
Michigan	"Promote the Vote" ballot initiative from 2018 amended the Michigan constitution to allow no excuse absentee voting for everyone.	Requests to have a mail-in ballot mailed to voter must be received by no later than 5:00 P.M. the Friday before the election. If the voter is already registered at current address, the voter may request an application in person as late as 4:00 P.M. the day prior to the election. MICH. COMP. LAWS ANN. § 168.759(1). Ballots must be received by the city or township clerk or an authorized assistant of the clerk before the close of the polls on election day. Absent voter ballots received by the clerk or his/her assistant after the close of polls on election day shall not be	Absentee ballot applicants may select any registered elector to return the application. The person returning the application must sign and return the certificate at the bottom of the application. MICH. COMP. LAWS ANN. § 168.759. A clerk who receives a request from an absent voter under section 764a for assistance in returning his/her absent voter ballot shall make arrangements to collect the ballot from the voter either personally or by sending an authorized assistant, if all of the following conditions are satisfied: (i) the clerk's office issued the absent voter ballot to that absent voter; (ii) upon the clerk's request, the absent voter states that s/he is unable to return the absent voter ballot by the other means specified in instructions (a), (b), or (c) of step 5 under section 764a; (iii) the absent voter telephones the appropriate clerk for assistance on or before 5 p.m. on the Friday immediately preceding the election; and (iv) the absent voter is requesting the clerk to pick up the absent voter ballot within the jurisdictional

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		counted. MICH. COMP. LAWS ANN. § 168.764a.	limits of the city, township, or village in which the absent voter is registered. MICH. COMP. LAWS ANN. § 168.764b.
Minnesota	Any eligible voter may vote by absentee ballot as provided in sections 203B.04 to 203B.15. MINN. STAT. ANN. § 203B.02 Permanent absentee voter status. (a) An eligible voter may apply to a county auditor or municipal clerk to automatically receive an absentee ballot before each election, other than an election by mail conducted under section 204B.45, and to have the status as a permanent absentee voter indicated on the voter's registration record. An eligible voter listed as an ongoing absentee voter as of July 31, 2013, pursuant to laws in effect on that date, shall be treated as if the voter applied for status as a permanent absentee voter pursuant to this subdivision. MINN. STAT. ANN. § 203B.04	An application for absentee ballots for any election may be submitted at any time not less than one day before the day of that election. If delivered in person, ballots must be delivered by 5:00 P.M. on election day. Mailed ballots must be received by 8:00 P.M. on election day. MINN. STAT. ANN. § 203B.08. MINN. STAT. ANN. § 203B.04 Deadlines relating to absentee voting for hospital patients and residents of health care facilities (MINN. STAT. ANN. § 203B.11, Subd.2) During the 20 days preceding an election, the election judges shall deliver absentee ballots only to an eligible voter who has applied for absentee ballots to the county auditor or municipal clerk under section 203B.04, subdivision 1. (MINN. STAT. ANN. § 203B.11, Subd.4) During the seven days preceding an election and until 2:00	Absentee voting for hospital patients and residents of health care facilities (MINN. STAT. ANN. § 203B.11) For purposes of this section "health care facility" means a licensed hospital, sanitarium or other institution for the hospitalization or care of human beings where any accommodation is maintained, furnished, or offered for five or more persons for the hospitalization of the sick or injured; the provision of care in a swing bed authorized under section 144.652; elective outpatient surgery for preexamined, prediagnosed low risk patients; emergency medical services offered 24 hours a day, seven days a week, in an ambulatory or outpatient setting in a facility not a part of a licensed hospital; or the institutional care of human beings. "Health care facility" shall also mean a nursing home licensed to serve adults under section 144A.02. MINN. STAT. ANN. §§ 203B.01; 144.50. Absentee ballots may be delivered only to an eligible voter who is a temporary or permanent resident or patient in a health care facility or hospital located in the municipality in which the voter maintains residence. The ballots shall be delivered by two election judges, each of whom is affiliated with a different major political party. Both election judges shall be present when an applicant completes the certificate of eligibility and marks the absentee ballots, and may assist an applicant as provided in section 204C.15.

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		p.m. on election day, an eligible voter who would have difficulty getting to the polls because of incapacitating health reasons, or who is disabled, or who is a patient of a health care facility, a resident of a facility providing assisted living services governed by chapter 144G, a participant in a residential program for adults licensed under section 245A.02, subdivision 14, or a resident of a shelter for battered women, may designate an agent to deliver the ballots to the voter from the county auditor or municipal clerk. The agent must have a preexisting relationship with the voter. The voted ballots must be returned to the county auditor or municipal clerk no later than 3:00 p.m. on the election day. The voter must complete an affidavit requesting the auditor or clerk to provide the agent with the ballots in a sealed transmittal envelope. The affidavit must including a statement from the voter stating that the ballots were delivered to the voter by the agent in the sealed transmittal envelope. An agent may deliver ballots to no more than three persons in any election.	
Mississippi	In relevant part, any duly qualified elector may vote by absentee ballot if he falls within one of the relevant categories set forth below:		A family member or person designated by the person staying in a skilled nursing facility may solicit absentee ballot applications or absentee ballots for the person staying in a skilled nursing facility. As used in this subsection, "skilled nursing facility" shall means an institution or a distinct part of an institution which is

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	(1) any qualified elector who is away from his county of residence on election day for any reason; (2) any person who has a temporary or permanent physical disability and who, because of such disability, is unable to vote in person without substantial hardship to himself, herself or others, or whose attendance at the voting place could reasonably cause danger to himself, herself or others; or (3) any person who is 65 or older MISS. CODE ANN. § 23-15-713(c),(d),(f). The application for an absentee ballot of a person who is permanently physically disabled shall be accompanied by a statement signed by such person's physician or nurse practitioner, which must indicate they are licensed and that the person applying for the absentee ballot is permanently physically disabled to such a degree that it is difficult for him to vote in person. Such an application shall entitle such permanently physically disabled person to automatically receive an absentee ballot for all election on a continuing basis	Absentee ballots and applications received by mail, except for fax or electronically transmitted ballots as otherwise provided by Section 23-15-699 for UOCAVA ballots, or common carrier, such as United Parcel Service or FedEx Corporation, must be postmarked on or before the date of the election and received by the registrar no more than five (5) business days after the election; any received after such time shall be handled as provided in Section 23-15-647 and shall not be counted. MISS. CODE ANN. § 23-15-637 Presidential absentee ballots must be received by the registrar prior to the time for the closing of the polls on election day. Those received after the election shall be unopened and destroyed. *Id.* §§ 23-15-731, 23-15-733.	primarily engaged in providing to inpatients skilled nursing care and related services for patients who require medical or nursing care or rehabilitation services for the rehabilitation of injured, disabled or sick persons. MISS. CODE ANN. §§ 23-15-625(3); 41-7-173(h)(iv).

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	without the necessity for reapplication. *Id.* § 23-15-629.		
Missouri	In relevant part, any registered voter may vote by absentee ballot for all candidates and issues for which such voter would be eligible to vote at the polling place if such voter expects to be prevented from going to the polls to vote on election day due to: (1) absence on election day from the jurisdiction of the election authority in which such voter is registered to vote; or (2) incapacity or confinement due to illness or physical disability. MO. REV. STAT. § 115.277(1), (6	No application for an absentee ballot received in the office of the election authority by mail, by fax or by a guardian or relative after 5:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday prior to the election shall be accepted by any election authority. Requests for mail-in ballots for 2020 have same deadline (October 21 at 5:00 P.M.). MO. REV. STAT. MO. § 115.279(3). Voters can request an absentee ballot in person until the day before the election. Voters can return an absentee ballot by mail or in person. Voters can vote in person by absentee until 5:00 P.M. the night before the election. Mailed ballots must be received by 7:00 P.M. on election day. Mail-in ballot MUST be submitted through mail. Mail-in ballot must be received by 7:00 P.M. on election day. All proper votes on each absentee ballot received by an election authority at or before the time fixed by law for the closing of the polls on election day shall be counted. No votes on any absentee ballot received	Application for an absentee ballot may be made by mail by his or her guardian or a relative within the second degree by consanguinity or affinity. MO. REV. STAT. § 115.279(1). If the voter is blind, unable to read or write the English language, or physically incapable of voting the ballot, the voter may be assisted by a person of the voter's own choosing. *Id.* § 115-291(1). If, after 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday before an election, any voter from the jurisdiction has become hospitalized, becomes confined due to illness or injury or is confined in an adult boarding facility, intermediate care facility, residential care facility, or skilled nursing facility, in the county in which the jurisdiction is located or in the jurisdiction or an adjacent election authority within the same county, the election authority shall appoint a team to deliver, witness the signing of and return the voter's application and deliver, witness the voting of and return the voter's absentee ballot. "Intermediate care facility" shall mean any premises which is utilized by its owner, operator or manager to provide 24-hour accommodation, board, personal care, and basic health and nursing care services under the daily supervision of a licensed nurse and under the direction of a licensed physician to 3 or more residents dependent for care and supervision and who are not related within the fourth degree of consanguinity or affinity to the owner, operator or manager.

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	MO. REV. STAT. § 115.277(1), (6). For 2020, all voters may vote by mail (technically separate from absentee option). Mail-in voting has a notary requirement. Electors who are permanently disabled may complete an application requesting that their name be placed on the election authority's list of voters qualified to participate as absentee voters pursuant to section 115.284 (relating to absentee voting procedures for persons with permanent disabilities) and that that person be delivered an absentee ballot application for each election in which s/he is eligible to vote. *Id.* § 115.284.	by an election authority after the time fixed by law for the closing of the polls on election day shall be counted. *Id.* § 115.293(1).	"Residential care facility" shall generally mean any premises which is utilized by its owner, operator or manager to provide 24-hour care to 3 or more residents, who are not related within the fourth degree of consanguinity or affinity to the owner, operator or manager and who need or are provided with shelter, board, and with protective oversight, which may include storage and distribution or administration of medications and care during short term illness or recuperation. "Skilled nursing facility" shall mean any premises, other than a residential care facility, an assisted living facility, or an intermediate care facility, which is utilized by its owner, operator or manager to provide twenty-four-hour accommodation, board and skilled nursing care and treatment services to at least three residents who are not related within the fourth degree of consanguinity or affinity to the owner, operator or manager of the facility. Skilled nursing care and treatment services are those services commonly performed by or under the supervision of a registered professional nurse for individuals requiring twenty-four-hours-a-day care and counsel of the aged, ill, injured or infirm, the administration of medications and treatments as prescribed by a licensed physician or dentist, and other nursing functions requiring substantial specialized judgment and skill. REV. STAT. MO. §§ 115.287(2); 198.006(14),(22),(23).
Montana	A legally registered elector or provisionally registered elector is entitled to vote by absentee ballot. MT. CODE ANN. § 13-13-201(1). An elector may at any time request to be mailed an absentee ballot for each subsequent election in which the elector is eligible to vote for as	Generally, an application for an absentee ballot must be made before noon on the day before the election. MT. CODE ANN. § 13-13-211(1). In order for the absentee ballot to be counted, each elector shall return it in a manner that ensures the ballot is	A voter who cannot sign may ask the election administrator to appoint another person as the voter's agent. The agent may provide the voter's required signature or identifying mark and assist the voter throughout the registration and voting process. The agent may not be the voter's employer, the employer's agent, or an officer or agent of the voter's union. Using an agent is considered a reasonable accommodation under 49-2-101(19)(b). (b) The voter must apply to designate an agent using a form provided by the secretary of state. The secretary of

			state must establish rules explaining the requirements and process for becoming an agent for a voter with a disability.. MT. CODE ANN. § 13-1-116(4)(a).

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	long as the elector remains qualified to vote and resides at the address provided in the initial application. *Id.* § 13-13-212(4)(a).	received prior to 8:00 p.m. on election day. *Id.* § 13-13-201(3).	An agent designated pursuant to 13-1-116 or a third party may collect the elector's application and forward it to the election administrator. *Id.* § 13-13-213(2).
Nebraska	A registered voter shall be permitted to vote early by requesting a ballot for early voting pursuant to sections 32-941 and 32-943. Any person excluded from voting under section 32-313 or 32-314 shall not be allowed to receive a ballot for early voting. Any person who fails to register to vote by the voter registration deadline shall not be allowed to vote except as provided in section 32-940 or 32-941. Under section 32-313 no person is qualified to vote or to register to vote who is non compos mentis. NEB. REV. STAT. §§ 32-938(1)-(2); 32-313(1).	Any registered voter permitted to vote early pursuant to section 32-938 may, not later than the close of business the second Friday preceding the election, request a ballot for the election to be mailed to a specific address. NEB. REV. STAT. § 32-941. Ballots which are returned not later than the hour established for the closing of the polls shall be accepted for review by the counting board for early voting. NEB. REV. STAT. § 32-950	Any registered voter who is permitted to vote early pursuant to section 32-938 may appoint an agent to submit a request for a ballot for early voting on his or her behalf. The registered voter or his or her agent may request that the ballot be sent to the registered voter by mail or indicate on the request that the agent will personally pick up the ballot for such registered voter from the office of the election commissioner or county clerk. A registered voter or an agent acting on behalf of a registered voter shall request a ballot in writing to the election commissioner or county clerk in the county where the registered voter has established his or her residence and shall indicate the voter's residence address, the address to which the ballot is to be mailed if different, and the voter's telephone number if available and precinct if known. The registered voter or his or her agent shall sign the request. The agent shall pick up the ballot before one hour prior to the closing of the polls on the election day and deliver the ballot to the registered voter. The ballot shall be returned not later than the closing of the polls on the day of the election. NEB. REV. STAT. § 32-943(1),(3). <u>Administering ballots to residents of nursing homes or hospitals:</u> The election commissioner or county clerk may train registered voters to act on behalf of the election commissioner or county clerk in administering a ballot to residents of nursing homes or hospitals who have requested ballots. Ballots shall be administered by two

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			registered voters who are not affiliated with the same political party. The election commissioner or county clerk shall adopt procedures to carry out this section. NEB. REV. STAT. § 32-944.
Nevada	All active voters in Nevada receive mail in ballots. Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 293.269911	. To submit ballot in person it myct be dropped off by 7:00pm on election day. Mail in ballots that are postmarked on or before the day of election and received by the 4th day after the election day by 5 pm. https://www.nvsos.gov/elections/election-resources/faqs	

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			Establishment of polling place for precinct in residential development exclusively for elderly persons (NEV. REV. STAT. ANN. § 293.2735). The county clerk shall establish at least one polling place for a precinct in any residential development exclusively for elderly persons if: 1. More than 100 of the residents of the development are registered to vote; 2. There is a common area which is adequate and available; and 3. The owner of the development consents to the establishment of the polling place on the property.
New Hampshire	Any person who is absent on the day of any state election from the city, town, or unincorporated place in which s/he is registered to vote or who is unable to vote there in person by reason of physical disability may vote at such elections by absentee ballot. N.H. REV. STAT. § 657:1.	The clerk shall send absentee ballots in response to verified absentee ballot requests until 5:00 p.m. on the day before the election. N.H. REV. STAT. § 657:15. In any state election, a town or city clerk shall not accept any completed absentee ballots delivered to the clerk after 5:00 p.m. on election day except as provided in RSA 657:21-a (relating to emergency services workers). *Id.* § 657:22.	
New Jersey	A qualified voter shall be entitled to vote using a mail-in ballot in any election held in the state.		Voters may apply for and obtain a mail-in ballot by authorized messenger, who shall be a family member or a registered voter of the county in which the application is

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	A voter who wishes to vote only by mail-in ballot in all future general elections in which the voter is eligible to vote and who states that on the application for a mail-in ballot, shall be furnished such a ballot by the county clerk without further request on the part of the voter and until the voter requests that the voter no longer be sent a mail-in ballot. A voter shall also have the option to indicate on an application for a mail-in ballot that the voter would like to receive such a ballot for each election that takes place during the remainder of the calendar year in which the application is completed and submitted. N.J. STAT. ANN. § 19:63-3.	Not less than seven days before an election in which a voter wants to vote by mail, the voter may apply to the county clerk for a mail-in ballot. Any voter who fails to apply for a mail-in ballot before the seven-day period described above may apply in person to the county clerk for a mail-in ballot up to 3 p.m. of the day before the election. N.J. STAT. ANN. § 19:63-3(c),(d).	made. No person shall serve as an authorized messenger for more than 3 qualified voters in an election. N.J. STAT. ANN. § 19:63-4(a). Family members may assist qualified voters in the absentee ballot voting process. The family member or other person providing such assistance shall certify that s/he assisted the voter and will maintain the secrecy of the vote by both printing and signing his/her name in the space provided on the certificate. *Id.* § 19:63-16(c).
New Mexico	A voter may vote by absentee ballot for all candidates and on all questions appearing on the ballot as if the voter were able to cast the ballot in person. N.M STAT. ANN. § 1-6-3.		A person or organization that is not part of a government agency and that collects absentee ballot applications shall submit the applications to the appropriate office for filing within forty-eight hours of their completion or the next business day if the appropriate office is closed for that forty-eight hour period. N.M STAT. ANN. § 1-6-4.3(A). A voter, caregiver to that voter or member of that voter's immediate family may deliver that voter's absentee ballot to the county clerk in person or by mail, provided that the

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		Completed official mailing envelopes shall be accepted by the county clerk until 7:00 p.m. on election day. *Id.* § 1-6-10(B).	voter has subscribed the outer envelope of the absentee ballot. Immediate Family means the spouse, children, parents, domestic partner, grandchildren, grandparents or siblings of a voter or a person with whom the voter has a continuing personal relationship. *Id.* § 1-6-10.1.
New York	In relevant part, a qualified voter may vote as an absentee voter if, on the occurrence of any election, he or she expects to be: (a) absent from the county of his/her residence, or, if a resident of New York City absent from said city; (b) unable to appear personally at the polling place of the election district in which s/he is a qualified voter because of illness or physical disability or because s/he will be or is a patient in a hospital; or (c) a resident or patient of a veteran's administration hospital. A voter who claims permanent illness or physical disability may make application for an absentee	All applications requesting an absentee ballot by mail or through the electronic absentee ballot application transmittal system must be received by the board of elections not later than the tenth day before the election for which a ballot is first requested. Applications for an absentee ballot that will be delivered in person at the board of elections to the voter or to an agent of the voter must be received by such board not later than the day before such election. N.Y. ELEC. § 8-400(2)(c). The board of elections shall cause all absentee ballots received by it before the close of the polls on election day and all ballots contained in envelopes showing a cancellation mark of the U.S. Postal Service or a foreign country's postal service, or showing a dated endorsement of receipt by another agency of the U.S. government, with a date which is ascertained to be not later than the day before election and received by such board of elections not later than	<u>Voting by residents of nursing homes, residential health care facilities, and facilities operated or licensed, or under the jurisdiction of, the department of mental hygiene</u> (N.Y. ELEC. § 8-407) The board of elections of a county or city in which there is located at least one facility described in the heading above shall provide that residents of each such facility, for which such board has received twenty-five or more applications for absentee ballots from voters who are eligible to vote by absentee ballot in such city or county at such election, may vote by absentee ballot only in the manner provided for in this section. Such board may, in its discretion, provide that the procedure described in this subdivision shall be applicable to all such facilities in such county or city without regard to the number of absentee ballot applications received from the residents of any such facility. Not earlier than 13 days before or later than the day before such an election, a board of bi-partisan inspectors shall, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. attend at each such facility. The board of elections, at least 20 days before each such election, or on the day after it shall have received the requisite number of applications for absentee ballots from the residents of any such facility, whichever is later, shall communicate with the superintendent, administrator or

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	ballot and the right to receive an absentee ballot for each election thereafter as provided in the statute without further application, by filing with the board of elections an application which shall contain a statement to be executed by the voter. N.Y. ELEC. § 8-400(1),(4).	seven days following the day of elections to be cast and counted. *Id.* § 8-412(1).	director of each such facility to arrange the day and time when the board of inspectors will attend at such facility. The superintendent, administrator or director of each facility must assist the board of inspectors attending such facility in the discharge of its duties, including making space available within such facility. If a resident is unable to mark his ballot, he may be assisted in marking such ballot by the two members of the board of inspectors or such other person as heymay select. If a voter is unable to mark the ballot and unable to communicate how he wishes such ballot marked, such ballot shall not be cast. Watchers may attend the board of inspectors at the facilities.
North Carolina	Any qualified voter may vote by absentee ballot in a statewide primary, general, or special election on constitutional amendments, referenda or bond proposals and any qualified voter of a county is authorized to vote by absentee ballot in any primary or election conducted by the county board of elections. If the applicant so requests and reports in the application that the voter has a sickness or physical disability that is expected to last the remainder of the calendar year, the application shall constitute a request for an absentee ballot for all of the primaries and elections held during the calendar year when the application is received.	A qualified voter or that voter's near relative or verifiable legal guardian shall complete a request form for an absentee application and absentee ballots so that the county board of elections receives that completed request form not later than 5:00 P.M. on the Tuesday before the election. Notwithstanding the provision set forth above, if a voter expects to be unable to go to the voting place to vote in person on election day because of that voter's sickness or other physical disability, that voter or that voter's near relative or verifiable legal guardian may make written request in person for absentee ballots to the board of elections of the county in which the voter is registered after 5:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before the election but not	A qualified voter's near relative or verifiable legal guardian may request in writing an application for an absentee ballot. The written request shall be signed by the voter's near relative or verifiable legal guardian. N.C. GEN. STAT. ANN. §§ 163-230.1(b), 163-230.2(a)(6). Voters shall mark his/her ballot or cause them to be marked by a person who is at least 18 years old and not disqualified under sections 163-226.3(a)(4) (relating to workers at care facilities) or 163-237(b1) (relating to candidates running for office). Two such persons must be present for the marking of the ballot, and each person in whose presence the ballot was marked shall sign the application and certificate as a witness and shall indicate that person's address. Ballots may be transmitted by mail or delivered by the voter's near relative or verifiable legal guardian to the county board of election not later than 7:30 pm the day of the election. *Id.* § 163-231(a), (b)(1).

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	N.C. GEN. STAT. ANN. § 163-226(a),(a2).	later than 5:00 p.m. on the day before the election. N.C. GEN. STAT. ANN. § 163-230.1(a),(a1). All ballots must be received by the county board of elections not later than 7:30 pm the day of the statewide election or county bond election. Ballots received later than that hour shall not be accepted unless, in relevant part, (i) federal law so requires, or (ii) ballots issued under this article are postmarked by the day of the election and are received by the county board of elections not later than three days after the election by 7:30 p.m. *Id.* § 163-231(b).	
North Dakota	Any qualified elector may vote an absent voter's ballot at any general, special or primary state election, any county election, or any city or school district election. N.D. CENT. CODE § 16.1-07-01.	A completed application must be submitted to the appropriate election official in a timely manner so as to allow the applicant to receive, complete and mail the absent voter's ballot before the day of the election. N.D. CENT. CODE § 16.1-07-05(3). Any absent voter's ballot must be received by the officer before the close of polls on election day. *Id.* § 16.1-07-09	Each individual requesting an absent voter's ballot by mail under this chapter who cannot read the English language or lives with a disability preventing the individual from marking the voter's ballot may receive, upon request, the assistance of any individual of the voter's choice, other than the voter's employer, an officer or agent of the voter's union, a candidate running in that election, or a relative of a candidate as described in subsection 2 of section 16.1-05-02, in marking the voter's ballot. *Id.* § 16.1-07-08(4).

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Ohio	Any qualified elector may vote by absent voter's ballots. OH. REV. CODE ANN. § 3509.02(A). A qualified voter may apply in writing for an absentee ballot if the voter cannot travel from home or a place of confinement to the polling place on Election Day because of illness, physical disability, infirmity, or confinement in a jail or workhouse for a misdemeanor sentence or while awaiting trial for a felony or misdemeanor. The voter must apply to the county board of elections as provided in section 3509.03 of the Revised Code.	Except as otherwise provided in division (A) of section 3509.051 and in division (B) of section 3509.08 of the Revised Code, an application to receive absent voter's ballots shall be delivered to the office of the board not earlier than the first day of January of the year of the elections for which the absent voter's ballots are requested or not earlier than ninety days before the day of the election at which the ballots are to be voted, whichever is earlier, and not later than the close of business on the seventh day before the day of the election at which the ballots are to be voted. OH. REV. CODE ANN. § 3509.03.	The board of elections may designate two board employees belonging to the two major political parties for the purpose of delivering the absentee ballot to disabled or confined electors and returning it to the board, unless the applicant is confined to a public or private institution within the county, in which case the board shall designate two board employees belonging to the two major political parties for the purpose of delivering the ballot to the disabled or confined elector and returning it to the board. Any disabled or confined elector who declares to the two board employee that the elector is unable to mark the elector's ballot by reason of physical infirmity that is apparent to the employees to be sufficient to incapacitate the voter from marking the elector's ballot properly, may receive, upon request, the assistance of the employees in marking the elector's ballot, and they shall thereafter give no information in regard to this matter. Such assistance shall not be rendered for any other cause.

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	The application must describe the voter's illness, disability, or infirmity, or state that the voter is confined in a jail or workhouse, and explain why the voter cannot travel to the polling place on Election Day.OH. REV. CODE ANN. § 3509.08	Absentee ballots can be receive from the period beginning on the first day after the close of voter registration before the election and ending at seven thirty om on the day of the election. *Id.* § 3509.05(B)(1).	When two board employees deliver a ballot to a disabled or confined elector, each of the employees shall be present when the ballot is delivered, when assistance is given, and when the ballot is returned to the office of the board, and shall subscribe to the declaration on the identification envelope. OH. REV. CODE ANN. § 3509.08(A).
Oklahoma	Any registered voter may apply for an absentee ballot in person at the county election board, or by U.S. mail, telegraph, fax or electronic communication. 26 OKLA. STAT. § 14-105. A registered voter who swears or affirms that the voter is physically unable to vote in person at the precinct on the day of the election because the voter is physically incapacitated may apply for an absentee ballot by mail, fax or electronic communication. *Id.* § 14-110.1	Absentee ballots must be requested no later than 5:00 p.m. on the third Monday preceding an election. 26 OKLA. STAT. § 14-103. Absentee ballots shall be returned to the secretary of each county election board no later than 7:00 p.m. the day of the election. *Id.* § 14-104.	The voter shall be responsible for marking the ballots or directing a person chosen by the voter to mark the ballots in accordance with section 7-123.3 and as prescribed by the Secretary of the State Election Board; seal the ballots in the envelope; fill out completely and sign the affidavit or direct a person chosen by the voter to sign the affidavit, such signature to be witnessed by two persons, who did not sign the affidavit, whose signature and address shall appear on the affidavit; seal the plain opaque envelope inside the envelope bearing the affidavit and return both envelopes, sealed inside the return envelope, by mail, to the county election board. *Id.* § 14-113.2.

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			No person, except members of absentee voting boards, shall witness the signature of more than 5 affidavits of persons who swear they are physically incapacitated and unable to vote in person at their precinct on election day. Not person who is a candidate for an office on the ballot or who is related within the third degree of consanguinity or affinity to a candidate on the ballot may witness any absentee ballot affidavit. *Id.* § 14-113.2. Under section 7-123.3 referenced above, any voter who requires assistance to vote by reason of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write may be given assistance by a person of the voter's choice, other than the voter's employer or agent of that employer or officer or agent of the voter's union. The voter must swear that such assistance is required and the person providing assistance must swear that the voter's ballots are being voted in accordance with the voter's wishes. *Id.* § 7-132.3. <u>Electors confined to nursing facilities outside county</u> If the secretary of a county election board receives such a request from an incapacitated elector confined to a nursing facility, as defined in section 1-1902 of title 63, outside the county of jurisdiction of the secretary, the secretary shall provide ballots and materials by mail. *Id.* § 14-114. <u>Procedures for electors confined to nursing facility or veterans center within county</u> With respect to requests from an incapacitated elector confined to a nursing facility (as defined above) or a veterans center within the county of the jurisdiction of the secretary of a county election board, the secretary shall cause to be implemented the following procedures:

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			1. On any day following the deadline to request an absentee ballot as provided in Section 14-103 of this title, but prior to the date of the election, the absentee voting board shall deliver to each registered voter who is confined to a nursing facility, as defined in Section 1-1902 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or a State Veterans Home established pursuant to Title 72 of the Oklahoma Statutes and who requested ballots for an incapacitated voter the ballots and materials as may be necessary to vote same. 2. The voter must mark the ballots in the presence of the absentee voting board, and in such a manner as to make it impossible for any person other than the voter to ascertain how said ballots are marked. As best as possible, the voting procedure shall be the same as if the voter were casting a vote in person at a precinct. 3. The voter shall then seal said ballots in the envelope inside the envelope bearing an affidavit. The voter must complete the affidavit and the signature of the voter on same must be witnessed by both members of the absentee voting board. 26 OKLA. STAT. § 14-115.

Oregon	Oregon has a de facto election by mail system; and all registered voters are entitled to vote by mail as well as in person. The concept of absentee voting applies only to registered voters who are out of the state during an election. OR REV STAT § 254.470(2)(a).	The county clerk shall mail by non forwardable mail an official ballot with a return identification envelope and a secrecy envelope not sooner than the 20th day before the date of an election and not later than the 14th day before the date of the election, to each active elector of the electoral district as of the 21st day before the date of the election. OR REV STAT § 254.470(2)(a). A ballot must be received at the office of the county clerk, at a ballot drop location or at a polling place not later than 8:00 p.m. the date of the election.	If an elector is within the county and, because of a physical disability or an inability to read or write, is unable to mark the ballot, the elector may request and shall receive the assistance of two persons of different parties provided by the clerk or of some other person chosen by the elector in marking the ballot. The persons assisting the elector shall ascertain the wishes of the elector and assist the elector in voting the ballot accordingly, and thereafter may give no information regarding the vote. OR REV STAT § 254.445(1). Note: Although the election laws do not appear to detail the procedures, the Oregon Secretary of State's website contains the following information regarding accessible ballots: Accessible Ballots: An Oregon Priority

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		Id. § 254.470(1).	Oregon has worked to improve the voting experience for voters with disabilities. Oregon pioneered the use of tablet technology, to ensure voters with disabilities are able to cast ballots. Services to Accommodate Your Needs Voters with disabilities have two options: Use a screen reader and other technology to access a ballot at home using My Vote. Voters with no or limited vision can use any screen reader to have their ballots and the Voters' Pamphlets read to them. This option requires printing, signing and returning the ballot. Call any Oregon county elections office and ask for assistance. If requested, election workers will bring an electronic tablet and a portable printer to the voter's home to assist with voting. The tablets can accommodate multiple disabilities. Benefits of Tablet Technology Voters on tablet technology can increase the size of the font. Tablet technology also helps voters with cognitive disabilities or limited reading capabilities. Tablet technology works well for voters with limited range of motion. Voters who are quadriplegic or have severe arthritis can use their fingers or a number of assistive technologies, such as sip-and-puff systems, to mark their ballots. http://sos.oregon.gov/voting/Pages/disabilities.aspx
Pennsylvania	In addition to (and separate from) absentee voting, any qualified voter may vote by mail.	Applications for mail-in ballots must be received by no later than 5:00	In the event an ill or physically disabled applicant is unable to sign his application because of illness or physical disability, he shall be excused from signing upon making a statement which shall be witnessed by one adult

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	PA. CONS. STAT. § 3150.11. In relevant part, the following persons shall be entitled to vote by an official absentee ballot in any primary or election held in the state: (k) any qualified registered and enrolled elector who because of illness or physical disability is unable to attend his polling place or operate a voting machine and secure assistance by distinct and audible statement as required in section 1218 of the Pennsylvania Election Code. Provided however that the words "qualified absentee elector" shall in nowise be construed to include persons confined in a mental institution. PA. CONS. STAT. § 3146.1. Any qualified registered elector who is unable, because of illness or physical disability, to attend his polling place on the day of any primary or election or operate a voting machine and state distinctly and audibly that he is unable to do so as required by section 1218 may, with the certification by his attending physician that he is permanently disabled, and physically unable to attend the polls or operate a voting machine and make the distinct and audible statement required by section 1218 appended to the application, be placed on a	P.M. of the first Tuesday prior to the election. PA. CONS. STAT. § 3150.12a(a). Mail-in ballots must be postmarked no later than election day. For the 2020 election, pursuant to a recent Pennsylvania Supreme Court decision, ballots postmarked on or before election day will be counted if received no later than three days after election day. For the 2020 election, ballots also may be dropped off in person at election office or at a drop box by election day. Except as provided below, applications for absentee ballots shall be received in the office of the county board of elections not later than 5:00 p.m. of the first Tuesday prior to the day of any election. Electors otherwise qualified who are so physically disabled or ill on or before the first Tuesday prior to any election that they are unable to file their application shall be entitled to an absentee ballot at any time prior to 5:00 p.m. on the first Friday preceding any election upon execution of an Emergency Application in such form prescribed by the secretary of state. Such application shall contain a supporting affidavit from his attending physician stating that due to physical disability or illness said elector was unable to apply for an absentee ballot on or	person in substantially the following form: I hereby state that I am unable to sign my application for an absentee ballot without assistance because I am unable to write by reason of my illness or physical disability. I have made or have received assistance in making my mark in lieu of my signature. PA. CONS. STAT. § 3146.2(e)(2). Any elector who has filed his application in accordance with section 3146.2(e)(2) (cited above) and is unable to sign his declaration on his absentee ballot because of illness or physical disability, shall be excused from signing upon making a declaration which shall be witnessed by one adult person in substantially the following form: "I hereby declare that I am unable to sign my declaration for voting my absentee ballot without assistance because I am unable to write by reason of my illness or physical disability. I have made or received assistance in making my mark in lieu of my signature." *Id.* § 3146.6(a)(3). Any elector qualified to vote an official absentee ballot in accordance with the provisions of section 3146.1 (as described in the "Who may vote" column) may receive assistance in voting: (1) if there is recorded on his registration card his declaration that he has a physical disability which renders him unable to see or mark the official absentee ballot, the exact nature of such disability being recorded on such registration card; or (2) if such elector requiring assistance submits with his application for an absentee ballot, a statement setting forth the precise nature of the disability which renders him unable to see or mark the absentee ballot and that to the best of his knowledge and belief he will still suffer

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	permanently disabled absentee ballot list file. *Id.* § 3146.2(e.1). Registered electors who are unable to attend the polling place on the day of any election because of illness or physical disability may also make application for absentee ballot by sending a letter or other signed document to the county board of elections in the county in which the person's voting address is located. The letter shall provide the same information as is provided on forms prescribed by the secretary. *Id.* § 3302(a)(1),(b).	before the first Tuesday prior to the election. PA. CONS. STAT. § 3146.2a(a), (a.1), (c). Except as provided below, on or before 5:00 p.m. on the Friday prior to the election, the elector shall complete the absentee ballot and seal it in the envelope. Notwithstanding the provision above, any elector who submits an Emergency Application shall mark the ballot on or before 8:00 p.m. on the day of the election. The elector shall fill out, date and sign the declaration printed on the envelope and send the package by mail or deliver it in person to the county board of election. *Id.* 3146.6(a)(1).	from the said physical disability at the time of voting his ballot. He shall acknowledge the same before an officer qualified to take acknowledgment of deeds. Upon receipt of the ballot, such elector requiring assistance may select a person to assist him in voting, such assistance to be rendered in secret; provided, however, that the person rendering assistance may not be the elector's employer or an agent of the employer or an officer or agent of the elector's union. The person providing assistance has to complete and sign a declaration that s/he has caused the elector's ballot to be marked in accordance with such elector's desires and instructions. *Id.* § 3146.6a. <u>Procedure for voting in public institutions</u> The county chairman for each political party or the head of each political body shall designate one representative from his respective political party or body for each public institution. The representative so appointed shall, at the same time on a date fixed by the county board of election visit every public institution situate in the county for the purpose of obtaining the names and address of public institution residents who desire to receive applications for absentee ballots and to act as an election board. The board shall furnish applications individually to those appearing in the written request. The county board of election shall appoint teams of three members for each public institution that shall go to the public institutions and hold the election on the first Friday prior to election day. After the votes are cast, the teams shall collect the ballots and return them to the county board of election where they shall be counted with the other absentee ballots.

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			Id. § 3146.2(f),(g). As described above, "public institution" means institutions primarily maintained by the federal, state or local governments and includes but is not limited to veterans' hospitals and homes, state hospitals, poor houses and county homes. *Id.* § 2602(r.1).
Puerto Rico	Puerto Rico does not allow disabled voters to vote by absentee ballot. Puerto Rico allows only its residents who are outside of Puerto Rico on election day to vote absentee. 16 L.P.R.A. § 4175.		
Rhode Island	A voter who is indefinitely confined because of physical illness or infirmity or is disabled for an indefinite period may, by signing an affidavit to that effect, request that an absentee ballot application be sent to him automatically for every election. Id. § 17-20-9(a).	Absentee ballot applications must be received by the local board not later than 4:00 p.m. on the 21st day before the day of the election. R.I. GEN.LAWS § 17-20-2.1(c). Any legally qualified elector who on account of circumstances manifested 20 days or less prior to any election becomes eligible to vote by mail ballot may obtain from the local board an application for an emergency mail ballot. Emergency mail ballots shall be received by the local board not later than 4:00 p.m. on the last day preceding the date of the election and must include a certificate setting forth the facts relating to the circumstances necessitating the application. Id. § 17-20-2.2(a)-(c).	Voters receiving a mail ballot pursuant to "undue hardship" or their confinement in a care facility shall mark the ballot in the presence of two witnesses or some officer authorized by the law of the place where marked to administer oaths. Except as otherwise provided, the voter shall not allow the witnesses or official to see how s/he marks the ballot and the witnesses or official shall hold no communications with the voter, nor the voter with the official or witnesses, as to how the voter is to vote. Thereafter, the voter shall enclose and seal the ballot in the envelope provided, execute the certification before the witnesses or official, enclose and seal the certified envelope with the ballot and cause the envelope to be delivered to the state board. R.I. GEN.LAWS § 17-20-23(c). (notary/witness requirement suspended for 2020) Assistance when voting Whenever any person is unable to sign their name because of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write, the voter or their assistant shall mark a box to

		Absentee ballots must be received by the state board not later than 8:00 p.m. on the date of the election. Id. §§ 17-20-8(b); 17-20-16; 17-18-11.	indicate the voter cannot sign due to blindness, disability, or inability to read or write and include the full name, residence address, signature, and optionally the telephone number and e-mail address, of the person who provided assistance to the voter on a form provided by the secretary of state. The representation relating to the voter's inability to sign shall be made under the pains and penalties of perjury. <u>Voting from care facilities where elector may be confined</u> Bipartisan pairs of supervisors shall supervise the cast of votes by persons using mail ballots at a place that preserves their secrecy and shall take acknowledgments or serve as witnesses and jointly provide assistance, if requested, to assure proper marking, sealing and mailing of ballots as voted. Every mail ballot cast by a patient in a hospital, nursing home, rest home, convalescent home or similar institution within the state must be witnessed by the state supervisors. It shall be the duty of the person in charge of hospitals, rest homes, nursing homes, and convalescent homes or similar type of personal care facility to allow the state supervisors to perform their duties as set forth in this section at all reasonable times. R.I. GEN.LAWS § 17-20-14(a),(b).

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South Carolina	In relevant part, a qualified elector in any of the following categories must be permitted to vote by absentee ballot in all elections, whether or not he is absent from his county of residence on election day: (i) physically disabled persons; or (ii) persons sixty-five years of age or older. S.C. CODE ANN. § 7-15-320(B)(1),(8). "Physically disabled persons" mean a person who, because of injury or illness, cannot be present in person at his voting place on election day.		A qualified elector's member of his immediate family may request by mail an application to vote for the qualified elector. A person requesting an application for a qualified elector as the qualified elector's authorized representative must request an application to vote by absentee ballot in person or by mail only and must himself be a registered voter and must sign an oath to the effect that he fits the statutory definition of a representative. The term "authorized representative" means a registered elector who, with the voter's permission, acts on behalf of a voter unable to go to the polls because of illness or disability resulting in his confinement in a hospital, sanatorium, nursing home, or place of residence, or a voter unable because of a physical handicap to go to his polling place or because of such a handicap is unable to vote at his polling place due to existing architectural barriers that deny him physical access to the polling place, voting booth, or voting apparatus or machinery. S.C. CODE ANN. § 7-15-330; 7-15-310(7). In the event that a voter cannot sign the oath that is required on the application due to a physical handicap or

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	Id. § 7-15-310(4).	An immediate family member may personally carry the ballot back to the board of voter registration and elections. Completed applications must be returned in person, by either the elector, a member of the elector's immediate family, or the elector's authorized representative, or by mail, by the elector, to the county board of voter registration and elections no later than 5:00 p.m. on the eleventh day before the day of the election to vote by absentee ballot. S.C. CODE ANN. § 7-15-330. A ballot received by the county board of voter registration and elections after time for closing of the polls may not be counted. *Id.* § 7-15-420.	illiteracy, the voter must make his mark and have the mark witnessed by someone designated by the voter. *Id.* § 7-15-380(A). In the event that the voter cannot sign the absentee ballot due to physical handicap or illiteracy, the voter must make his mark and have the mark witnessed by someone designated by the voter. *Id.* § 7-15-385.

South Dakota	A registered voter who is not otherwise disqualified by law from voting in the election may vote by absentee ballot. S.D. CODIFIED LAWS § 12-19-1.	If an absentee ballot is delivered to a polling place after the polls are closed, the absentee ballot may not be counted or opened. *Id.* § 12-19-12.	In the event of confinement because of sickness or disability, a qualified voter may apply pursuant to the provisions of section 12-19-2 in writing and obtain an absentee ballot by authorized messenger so designated over the signature of the voter. The person in charge of the election may deliver to the authorized messenger a ballot to be delivered to the qualified voter. If the application designating an authorized messenger also indicates a request for an absentee ballot for any future election, such absentee ballot shall be mailed to the address provided on the application. S.D. CODIFIED LAWS § 12-19-2.1. If a person is an authorized messenger for more than one voter, he must notify the person in charge of the election of all voters for whom he is a messenger. Additionally, no person who is a candidate for any elective office, except for political party offices described in section 12-5-2

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			(relating to precinct officials) or county auditor or such deputy, at the election for which the ballot or ballots are to be voted, may serve as an authorized messenger *Id.* §§ 12-19-2.2; 12-19-7.1. An authorized messenger shall deliver absentee ballots to the person in charge of the election unless there is not sufficient time for the person in charge of the election to transmit the ballot to the voter's home precinct. In that instance, the authorized messenger shall personally deliver the absentee ballot to the precinct superintendent of the voter's home precinct. *Id.* § 12-19-9. Nursing facility, assisted living center or hospitals having multiple absentee ballot requests (S.D. CODIFIED LAWS § 12-19-9.1) If there is any nursing facility, assisted living center, or hospital, within any county from which there might reasonably be expected to be 5 or more absentee applications, the county auditor shall notify the person in charge of that facility and the chair of the county central committee of each party and any other person who has filed a request to be notified of the date and time at which representatives of the auditor's office will be present to assist the residents of that facility to vote, utilizing the absentee procedure. Political parties, independent candidates and nonpolitical candidates may assign a person to accompany the auditor's representatives. At the date and time announced, the auditor's representative and the representatives of the parties and/or candidates set forth above shall deliver ballots to and assist all persons at that facility who desire such assistance and who have applied for absentee ballots. This section applies only to a general election. Voters voting pursuant to this section shall complete a combined absentee ballot application/return envelope and the identification and affidavit requirements of section 12-19-2.1 are waived.

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			For purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the meaning set forth below: "assisted living center" - institution, rest home, boarding home, place, building, or agency which is maintained and operated to provide personal care and services which meet some need beyond basic provisions of food, shelter, and laundry. "hospital" - any establishment with an organized medical staff with permanent facilities that include inpatient beds and is primarily engaged in providing by or under the supervision of physicians, to inpatients any of the following services: diagnostic/therapeutic services for diagnosis/treatment/care of injured/disabled/sick person; obstetrical services; or rehab services for injured/disabled/sick persons. Inpatient beds shall not include nursing facility beds or assisted living center beds unless the same are licensed as such pursuant to chapter 34-12. "nursing facility" - facility that is maintained and operated for purpose of providing care to one or more persons who are not acutely ill but require nursing care and related medical services that require care on a 24-hour basis; or a facility which is maintained and operated for purpose of providing care to one or more persons who do not require the degree of care and treatment which a hospital is designed to provide, but who because of their mental or physical condition require medical care and health services which can be made available to them only through institutional facilities. *Id.* § 34-12-1.1(2),(5),(7).
Tennessee	In relevant part, a registered voter in any of the following circumstances may vote absentee by mail:	A voter who desires to vote absentee shall request an absentee ballot not more than ninety (90) and not later than ten (10) days before the election	The voter may have anyone the voter chooses write the voter's request for an absentee ballot or for an absentee voting by mail application or write out the voter's

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	(1) if the voter will be outside the county where the voter is registered during the early voting period and on election day during all hours the polls are open for any reason other than the fact that the voter will be imprisoned… (3)(A) any person who, because of sickness, hospitalization or physical disability, is unable to appear at either the commission office or at the person's polling place for the purpose of voting, shall be eligible for inclusion on the permanent absentee voting register. To be eligible for placement on the register, a voter shall file a statement by the person's physician with the county election commissioner that the patient is medically unable to appear at the polls and is medically unable to go to the commission office for the purpose of early voting. Once filed, without further request, the administrator shall send to each person placed on the permanent absentee voting register an application for an absentee ballot for each election; (5) Persons Over 60--Persons Hospitalized, Ill or Disabled. (A) A person sixty (60) years of age or older when the person requests to vote absentee; (B) The person is a voter with a disability as defined in § 2-3-109, and the voter's polling place is inaccessible;	TENN. CODE ANN. § 2-6-202(a)(1). Permanently absentee voters (provision (2) under "Who may vote" column) shall file the physician's statement and the application not less than 10 days before the election. *Id.* § 2-6-201(3)(A). Any absentee ballot received by mail by the county election commission before the closing of the polls shall be processed as were absentee ballots received before election day. See *Id.* § 2-6-303.	absentee voting by mail application except for the voter's signature or mark. TENN. CODE ANN. § 2-6-203. Methods of voting at licensed nursing homes (TENN. CODE ANN. § 2-6-601) For individuals who are full-time residents of any licensed nursing home, home for the aged or similar licensed institution providing relatively permanent domiciliary care, other than a penal institution, in the county of the voter's residence, the county election commission of each county shall send 2 absentee voting deputies - one representing the majority party and one representing the minority party - for the purpose of processing, assisting the voter who may be entitled to assistance under section 2-6-105 (persons voting early entitled to same assistance if they appeared to vote on election day) or 2-6-106 (persons unable to sign), and attesting absentee ballot applications and ballots. The procedure for voting in this section shall be the only method by which individuals may vote in an election if such individuals are full-time residents of any of the facilities described above, but voters may vote during the early voting period at locations established for early voting or otherwise voting in person on election day at the commission office, in accordance with section 2-3-109(e) (disabled voters may vote absentee or at the election commission on election day) or the individual's polling place, if medically able to do so. The county election commission may begin the voting at the licensed nursing homes 29 days before an election. The care facilities shall provide, upon request from the administrator of elections, a list of all individuals in the licensed institution for the limited purpose of voting the registered voter. The list shall be requested by the administrator of elections no later than 40 days prior to

	(C) The person is hospitalized, ill or physically disabled, and because of such condition, the person is unable to appear at the person's polling place on election day; or (D) The person is a caretaker of a hospitalized, ill or disabled person; TENN. CODE ANN. § 2-6-201.		

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	For purposes of the provisions set forth above, "voter with a disability" means any person whose disability meets the definition of a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act. *Id.* § 2-3-109(a)(2). Further individuals who are full-time residents of any licensed nursing home, home for the aged or similar licensed institution providing relatively permanent domiciliary care, other than a penal institution, outside the voter's county of residence shall vote in accordance with the permanent absentee voter registration provisions set forth in subdivision (3)(A). *Id.* § 2-6-201(3)(B)		election day for each election and shall be provided promptly by the facility.

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Texas	In relevant part, a registered voter in any of the following circumstances may vote absentee by mail: (1) voter who expects to be absent from the county of the voter's residence on election day and during the regular hours for conducting early voting at the main early voting polling place; (2) voter who has a sickness or physical condition that prevents the voter from appearing at the polling place on election day without a likelihood of needing personal assistance or of injuring the voter's health; or (3) voters 65 years of age or older. TEX. ELEC. CODE ANN. §§ 82.001(a); 82.002(a); 82.003 Applications for mail ballots on the ground of age or disability that do not specify a specific election will be deemed to be annual mail ballot applications. *Id.* § 86.0015.	Early voting ballot applications may be submitted by mail and must be submitted to the early voting clerk before the close of regular business in the early voting clerk's office or 12 noon, whichever is later, on the 11th day before election day, unless that day is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal state or national holiday, in which case the last day is the first preceding regular business day. TEX. ELEC. CODE ANN. § 84.007(c). Marked ballot voted by mail must arrive at the address on the carrier envelope: (1) before the time the polls are required to close on election day; or (2) not later than 5 p.m. on the day after election day, if the carrier envelope was placed for delivery by mail or common or contract carrier before election day and bears a cancellation mark of a common or contract carrier or a courier indicating a time not later than 7 p.m. at the location of the election on election day. *Id.* § 86.007(a).	Early voting ballot applications signed for the applicant by a witness other than the early voting clerk or a deputy must indicate the witness's relationship to the applicant or, if unrelated, indicate that fact. Persons assisting the applicant in completing an early voting ballot application must comply with section 1.011(d) (must affix own signature to the document and state name and address). TEX. ELEC. CODE ANN. § 84.003(a). A voter casting a ballot by mail who would be eligible under section 64.031 to receive assistance at a polling place may select a person as provided by section 64.032(c) to assist the voter in preparing the ballot. Under section 64.031, voters are eligible to receive assistance if they cannot prepare a ballot because of a physical disability that renders the voter unable to write or see or an inability to read the language in which the ballot is written. Under section 64.032(c), the voter may be assisted by any person selected by the voter other than the voter's employer, an agent of the voter's employer, or an officer or agent of a labor union to which the voter belongs. Assistance rendered under this section is limited to that authorized by the election code at a polling place and the person assisting the voter must sign a written oath that is part of the certificate on the official carrier envelope. *Id.* §§ 86.010(a)-(c); 64.031; 64.032.

Utah	Any person who is registered to vote may vote by absentee ballot. UTAH CODE ANN. § 20A-3a-202.	The state automatically mails ballots to registered voters. UTAH CODE ANN. § 20A-3a-202. Absentee ballots returned by mail must be clearly postmarked before	Any voter who has a disability, or is blind, unable to read or write, unable to read or write the English language, or is physically unable to enter a polling place, may be given assistance by an individual of the voter's choice (except not the voter's employer, agent of employer, representative of voter's union, or a candidate). UTAH CODE ANN. § 20A-3a-208.

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		election day and received in the office of the election officer before noon on the day of the official canvass following the election (varies by county). *Id.* § 20A-3a-204.	
Vermont	No restrictions on who can vote early or absentee.	A voter who expects to be an early or absentee voter, or an authorized person on behalf of such voter, may apply for an early voter absentee ballot until 5:00 p.m. or the closing of the town clerk's office on the day preceding the election. VT. STAT. ANN. TIT.17, § 2531(a). Absentee ballots can be returned as follows: (A) by any means, to the town clerk's office before the close of business on the day preceding the election; (B) to any secure ballot drop box provided by the town or city in which the voter is registered pursuant to section 2543a of this subchapter before the close of business on the day before the election; (C) by mail to the town clerk's office before the close of the polls on the day of the election; and (D) by hand delivery to the presiding officer at the voter's polling place before the closing of the polls at 7:00 p.m.	An authorized family member or health care provider acting in the voter's behalf may apply for an early voter absentee ballot by phone, in person, or in writing. Any other authorized person may apply in writing or in person. "Family member" means spouse, children, siblings, parents, grandparents, spouse's parents and grandparents. A persons residing in a state institution may apply for early voter absentee ballots in the same manner and within the same time limits that apply for other early or absentee voters. VT. STAT. ANN. TIT.17, § 2532(a)(1),(e). <u>Delivery of ballots by justices of the peace</u> In the case of persons who are absentee voters due to illness or physical disability, ballots shall be delivered in the following manner unless the absentee voter has requested pursuant to section 2539 that the early voter absentee ballots be mailed. No later than 3 days prior to the election, the board of civil authority or, upon request of the board, the town clerk, shall designate in pairs justices of the peace in numbers sufficient to deliver early voter absentee ballots to the applicants for early voter absentee ballots who have stated in their applications that they are unable to vote in person at the polling place due to illness or physical

		Id. § 2543.	

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			disability but who have not requested in their applications that early voter absentee ballots be mailed to them. Each pair of justices on the days they are assigned to deliver the ballots and envelopes, shall call upon each of the early or absentee voters whose name appears on the part of the list furnished to them and shall deliver early voter absentee ballots and envelopes to each early or absentee voter. The voter shall then proceed to mark the ballots alone or in the presence of the justices, but without exhibiting them to the justices or to any other person, except that when the early or absentee voter is blind or physically unable to mark his ballot, they may be marked by one of the justices in full view of the other. VT. STAT. ANN. TIT.17, § 2538(a)-(c). Ill or physically disabled voters may request in their application that ballots be mailed rather than delivered by justices of the peace. *Id.* § 2539(b). When an early or absentee voter is blind or is physically unable to go to the polls to vote in person or to mark his or her ballots, they may be marked by one of the officers who delivers the ballots, in the presence of the other officer. Persons giving assistance to a voter in the marking or registering of ballots shall not in any way divulge any information regarding the choice of the voter or the manner in which the voter's ballot was cast. *Id.* § 2541(b). Ballots shall be returned to justices of the peace by calling upon them, and they shall deliver the ballots to the town clerk. *Id.* § 2543.
Virginia		Applications for absentee ballots made by mail shall be made to the	The application for an absentee ballot shall provide space for the applicant to indicate that he will require assistance

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	All registered voters may vote by absentee ballot in federal elections. VA. CODE ANN. §§ 24.2-700	appropriate registrar no later than 5:00 p.m. on the eleventh day prior to the election in which the applicant offers to vote. VA. CODE ANN. § 24.2-701(B)(2). Absentee ballots shall be returned to the general registrar before the closing of the polls. Ballots postmarked on or before election day that arrive by noon on the third day after election day shall be counted. *Id.* § 24.2-709(A), (B).	to vote his absentee ballot by reason of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write. On receipt of an application from an applicant marked to indicate he will require assistance, the general registrar shall deliver, with the items required by section 24.2-706, the voter assistance form furnished by the state board pursuant to 24.2-649. The voter and any person assisting him shall complete the form by signing the request for assistance and statement required of the assistant. If the voter is unable to sign the request, the witness will note this fact on the line for signature of voter. Section 24.2-649 shall apply to absentee voting and assistance for absentee voters. VA. CODE ANN. § 24.2-704. Any qualified voter who requires assistance to vote by reason of physical disability or inability to read or write, may be assisted in voting. If he is disabled, he may designate an officer of election or some other person to assist him other than the voter's employer or agent of that employer, or officer or agent of the voter's union. *Id.* § 24.2-649(a).
Washington	Washington has a de facto mail ballot system. Each active registered voter of the state shall automatically be issued a mail ballot for each election. Each active registered voter shall continue to receive a ballot by mail until the death or disqualification of the voter, cancellation of the voter's registration, or placing the voter on inactive status. WASH. REV. CODE § 29A.40.010.	Absentee ballots must be returned to the county auditor no later than 8:00 p.m. the day of the election, or be mailed to the county auditor with a postmark no later than the day of the election. WASH. REV. CODE § 29A.40.091(4).	There is no statute specifically addressing assistance with mail ballots, but each county auditor shall open a voting center each primary, special election, and general election. The voting center shall be open during business hours during the voting period, which begins eighteen days before, and ends at 8:00 p.m. on the day of, the election. If any voter states that he or she is unable to cast his or her votes due to a disability, the voter may designate a person of his or her choice, or two election officers, to enter the voting booth and record the votes as he or she directs. WASH. REV. CODE § 29A.40.160(1),(10).
West Virginia		Absentee ballot applications must be received by the official designated to supervise and conduct absentee	Any registered voter who requires assistance to vote by reason of blindness, disability, advanced age or inability to read and write may be given assistance by a person of the

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	In relevant part, registered voters and other qualified voters in the county are authorized to vote an absentee ballot by mail in the following circumstances: (i) voter who is confined to a specific location and prevented from voting in person throughout the period of voting in person because of: (a) illness, injury or other medical reason; or (b) physical disability or immobility due to extreme advanced age. W. VA. CODE § 3-3-1(b)(1). Any person who is registered and otherwise qualified to vote and who is permanently and totally physically disabled and who is unable to vote in person at the polls in an election may apply to the official designated to supervise and conduct absentee voting for placement on the special absentee voting list. *Id.* § 3-3-2b(a).	voting not later than the sixth day preceding the election. W. VA. CODE § 3-3-5(b)(2). Absentee ballots returned by U.S. mail or other express shipping service are to be accepted if: (1) the ballot is received by the official designated to supervise and conduct absentee voting no later than the day after the election; or (2) the ballot bears a postmark of the US Postal Service dated no later than election day and the ballot is received by the official designated to supervise and conduct absentee voting no later than the hour at which the board of canvassers convenes to begin the canvas. *Id.* § 3-3-5(g). Voters also may hand deliver ballots until the day before the election. *Id.* § 3-3-5(k).	voter's choice; provided, that the assistance may not be given by the voter's present or former employer or agent of that employer, by the officer or agent of a labor union of which the voter is a past or present member or by a candidate on the ballot. Person providing assistance must sign affidavit that s/he will not induce the voter to vote in a particular way, that he will not document anything occurring within the voting booth, and that he will not reveal to any person the way the voter voted. W. VA. CODE § 3-3-4(a),(d). No voter shall receive any assistance in voting an absent voter's ballot by mail unless s/he shall make a declaration at the time s/he makes application for an absent voter's ballot that because of blindness, disability, advanced age or inability to read or write s/he requires assistance in voting an absent voter's ballot. Voters requiring assistance in voting may select any eligible person to assist him in voting. The person providing assistance in voting an absent voter's ballot by mail shall make an affidavit on a form that he will not in any manner persuade or induce the voter to vote a particular way, that he will not document anything occurring within the voting booth, and that he will not reveal to any person the way the voter voted. "Assistance in voting" means assistance in physically marking the ballot for a voter, or reading or directing the voter's attention to any part of the ballot. *Id.* § 3-3-6. <u>Procedures for voting an emergency absentee ballot by qualified voters</u> (W. VA. CODE § 3-3-5c) (a) The county commission may adopt a policy extending the emergency absentee voting procedures to: (1)

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			Hospitals or other duly licensed health care facilities within an adjacent county or within thirty-five miles of the county seat; or (2) nursing homes within the county. (d) Upon request of the voter or a member of the voter's immediate family or, when the county commission has adopted a policy to provide emergency absentee voting services to nursing home residents within the county, upon request of a staff member of the nursing home, the official designated to supervise and conduct absentee voting, upon receiving a proper request for voting an emergency absentee ballot no earlier than the seventh day next preceding the election and no later than noon of election day shall supply to the emergency absentee ballot commissioners the application for voting an emergency absentee ballot and the balloting materials. The emergency absentee ballot application is to be prescribed by the secretary of state and is to include the name, residence address and political party affiliation of the voter, the date, location and reason for confinement in the case of an emergency, and the name of the attending physician. (e) The application for an emergency absentee ballot is to be signed by the person applying. If the person applying for an emergency absentee ballot is unable to sign his or her application because of illiteracy or physical disability, he or she is to make his or her mark on the signature line provided for an illiterate or disabled applicant, the mark is to be witnessed. The person assisting the voter and witnessing the mark of the voter shall sign his or her name in the space provided. (i) The emergency absentee ballot commissioners assigned to the facility must sign the application for voting an emergency absentee ballot. If either or both of the emergency absentee ballot commissioners refuse to sign an application, the voter may vote as an emergency absentee and the ballot will be challenged in accordance with the provisions of section ten of this article, in

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			addition to those absentee ballots subject to challenge as provided in that section. (j) Any voter who receives assistance in voting an emergency absentee ballot shall comply with the provisions of section six of this article. Any other provisions of this chapter relating to absentee ballots not altered by the provisions of this section are to govern the treatment of emergency absentee ballots
Wisconsin	Any qualified elector of Wisconsin who registers may vote by absentee ballot. WIS. STAT. § 6.20. An absent elector is any otherwise qualified elector who for any reason is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place in his or her ward or election district. *Id.* § 6.85(1). An elector who is indefinitely confined because of age, physical illness or infirmity or is disabled for an indefinite period may by signing a statement to that effect require that an absentee ballot be sent to the elector automatically for every election. *Id.* § 6.86(2)(a).	Applications made by mail must be received by the municipal clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on the fifth day immediately preceding the election. WIS. STAT. § 6.86(1)(b). The ballot shall be returned so it is received by the municipal clerk no later than 8:00 p.m. on election day. *Id.* § 6.87(6).	An elector who is unable to write his name due to physical disability may authorize an application to be made by another elector on his behalf. In such case, the application shall state that it is made on request and by authorization of a named elector who is unable to sign the application due to physical disability. WIS. STAT. § 6.86(1)(ag). If the absent elector declares that s/he is unable to read, has difficulty reading, writing or understanding English or due to disability is unable to mark his or her ballot, the elector may select any individual, except the elector's employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the elector, to assist in marking the ballot, and the assistant shall sign his or her name to a certification on the back of the ballot. *Id.* § 6.87(5). <u>Absentee voting in certain residential care facilities and retirement homes</u> (WIS. STAT. § 6.875) Occupants of any qualified retirement home or residential care facility who qualify as absent electors and desire to receive an absentee ballot shall make application under section 6.86 with the municipal clerk or board of election commissioners of the municipality in which the elector is a resident.

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			The municipal clerk or board of election commissioners shall appoint at least 2 special voting deputies for the municipality. 2 special voting deputies shall be dispatched to visit the facility for the purpose of supervising absentee voting procedure by occupants of the facility. The deputies may assist the elector in marking the elector's ballot. Upon request of the elector, a relative of the elector who is present in the room may assist the elector in marking the elector's ballot. No one other than a deputy or relative may render voting assistance to the elector. Relatives of electors may also request to the deputies to be present in the room where the voting is conducted. "Relative" means a spouse or individual related within the 1st, 2nd, or 3rd degree of kinship under section 990.001(16).
Wyoming	Any qualified elector may vote by absentee ballot. WYO. STAT. ANN. § 22-9-102(a).	A qualified elector may apply for an absentee ballot at any time during the calendar year in which the election is held, but not on the day of the election. WYO. STAT. ANN. § 22-9-105. Absentee ballots returned to the county clerk not later than 7:00 p.m. on election day shall be counted. *Id.* § 22-9-118.	The state and county selective service boards, all military organizations, the adjutant general, citizens and officers of this state are charged with the duty of cooperation with election officials and absent electors to assist absent qualified electors to vote in all elections. WYO. STAT. ANN. § 22-9-101. There is no statute directly addressing assistance with absentee ballots, but for voting at the polling place, any elector who requires assistance to vote because of blindness, disability or inability to read or write may be given assistance by a person of the elector's choice, other than the elector's employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of the elector's union. *Id.* § 22-13-113.