

Voting by Mail

HOW to start: Submit an “Application for a Ballot by Mail” to the Elections official in the county where registered. For Fayette County, it is the Elections Administrator; PO Box 605; La Grange, TX 78945

WHERE to get the Application: Applications can be obtained in several ways:

- printed from website of the Secretary of State:
www.sos.state.tx.us
- printed from county website: www.co.fayette.tx.us
- Elections Administrator’s office: 979-968-6563
- Email: dina.bell@co.fayette.tx.us

WHEN should the application be sent in:

Applications must be submitted separately for each election between the 60th and the 9th day before any election.

IMPORTANT: If the 9th day falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the deadline reverts back to the previous Friday, which would be the 11th day before Election Day.

EXCEPTION: New Law re: Ballots by Mail: allows voters at least 65 years of age, and/ or disabled to apply only one time on one application for all county elections in a calendar year, but must be received by the deadline for the first election the voter is applying for.

NOTE: Any changes in the registration during the applicable calendar of an Annual Application cancels the Annual Application.

WHAT to know before filling out the application:

Thoroughly read over all the instructions on the back of the application.

Residence addresses and mailing addresses

A voter must be registered from a *residence (geographical)* address, even though the voter may receive mail only at a P.O. Box or different mailing address. The residence address serves to document legislative districts, commissioner precincts, city and school districts, voting precincts, etc.

If a voter desires their ballot to be mailed to a different address than their physical residence address, the mailing address must be included on the application.

Address for voters applying for Annual Application 65 yrs or older, or disability:

ballot can be mailed only to the voter’s home address, mailing address, or the address of a Nursing Home, assisted living center, relative or hospital.

Assistant / Witness

A person may assist a voter in filling out the application, but must note their own information on the application and sign it.

A person may witness for only one voter; witnessing a mark made by the voter because of the inability to sign a name, and, the witness must include their own information on the application and sign it.

WHEN can I expect to receive a ballot?

Your ballot, along with a letter from the Texas Secretary of State, Instructions, a white ballot envelope and a yellow return envelope, will be mailed to you within 4-5 days of receipt and verification of your application.

If you do not receive your ballot within five (5) business days after mailing, call the Elections Office.

If there is a problem with your application, you will receive notification and will be sent a new application. You will not be able to receive a ballot until all issues are cleared up.

WHEN should I return the ballot?

The ballot must be received in the Elections office, (NOT postmarked) by 7 pm on the date of the election by mail or contract carrier.

HOW should I return the ballot?

A ballot by mail can be returned only by mail or contract carrier.

A regular first class stamp is sufficient postage.

The ballot should first be enclosed in the white “Ballot Envelope”, sealed, then enclosed in the yellow envelope.

Before mailing the yellow envelope must be sealed and

SIGNED.