

## VOTING AT HOME ACROSS THE STATES

The National Vote at Home Institute aims to improve the ease with which voters can skip the poll booth in favor of more informed, deliberative voting in the comfort of their own home. One way to further this goal is to shed light on how voters currently approach “voting at home” in their respective home states. We take up the task in this report by showcasing the array of election laws and practices governing vote-by-mail, a.k.a. “absentee” or “early,” voting across the states.

Changing anything means first identifying where change is needed most, so we’ve organized each state along a continuum of relative access to the mail-ballot to make it easier to pin-point potential areas for reform. State policy differences are organized into distinct *state profiles* according to their existing legal and procedural rules related to voting by mail (“voting at home”) in the state. Each state profile depicts a unique mail-ballot voting process, defined by three major phases encapsulated in the following questions:

1. How does a voter *apply* for a mail-ballot?
2. What are the requirements for voting, or *marking*, and returning a mail-ballot?
3. How does the state process and *count* mail-ballots?

Our typology comes primarily from a voting model used in three states that currently conduct all elections by mail: Oregon (2000), Washington (2012), and Colorado (2014).

State profile information was obtained from election officials at Secretary of State offices, county election offices, and relevant state statutes. The information herein is only tentative as state legislatures continue modifying their election codes in the months and years to come. At the end of each profile is a listing of voter web-resources linking to application materials and current election laws.

A report “key” on the next two pages describes the kinds of information contained in each profile and its importance to the vote-by-mail process as a whole. **NOTE: Information and dates listed are current for the 2018 General Election cycle.**

**MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION (KEY)**

Eligibility		Application Methods	Applicable Elections	
<i>Excuse Required</i>	An excuse is required for eligibility to vote absentee/by-mail. Age is one of the reasons allowed.	Voters can Mail or Hand-deliver applications to their local election authority. Alternative application methods may include Email, Fax, Online or Phone	<i>All Calendar Year Elections</i>	One application applies to all federal/state elections in the calendar year in which the application is made
<i>No Excuse Required</i>	No excuse necessary for eligibility to vote absentee/by-mail.	Application Verification	<i>One Election Per App.</i>	New application required for each, individual election
Photo ID?	How is a voter’s application information verified?	<i>Primary/General Elections Only</i>	Application applies to primary and general elections only and excludes other state/local elections	
Is a copy of a voter’s photo identification required by law to complete an application?	Application Turnaround	Mailed-Out Ballot (App.) Deadline		
Witness/Notary?	What is the statutorily mandated timeline for mailing out a mail-ballot upon receipt of an application?	The application deadline for voters to receive a mail-ballot mailed to them before Election Day		
Is a witness or notary public signature required by law to complete an application?	Application Period	Final (App.) Deadline		
Permanent Mail-Ballot Option?	The timeframe in which a voter can apply for a mail-ballot. The period is considered “Open” if no timeframe is stipulated by law.	The final deadline to receive a mail-ballot either by mail (if no separate deadline exists), in person, or both before Election Day.		
Can voters be added to a permanent absentee/early voter list to automatically receive a mail-ballot each election without periodic re-application? Often this option is restricted to voters who are permanently disabled or otherwise incapacitated. Other variants offer the option to all voters.				

**MAIL-BALLOT VOTING (KEY)**

<b>Mailed-Out Date</b>	<b>In Person Mail-Ballot Return Rules</b>
The date when election officials initially begin mailing mail-ballots to voters	Who may return a voted mail-ballot in person? For example, can someone return another voter’s ballot for them? Is in person delivery limited to immediate family members?
<b>Photo ID?</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Deadline</b>
Is a copy of a voter’s photo identification required for a mail-ballot to be accepted and counted?	When is the final deadline for mailing and/or delivering in person a completed mail-ballot?
<b>Witness/Notary?</b>	<b>Postmark Permitted?</b>
Is a witness or notary public’s signature required for a mail-ballot to be accepted and counted?	Are mail-ballots accepted after election day so long as they are postmarked on or before a certain date and received so many days after the election?
<b>Mail-Ballot Return Methods</b>	
What are the ways in which a voter can return a mail-ballot in their state?	

**MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING (KEY)**

<b>Full Signature Verification</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Curing</b>
Does state law require election officials to fully verify (ie. by comparison) ballot affidavit signatures?	What process exists for ballot affidavits that are either missing or contain discrepant signatures? Does the state allow voters an opportunity to rectify any ballot envelope errors?
<b>Mail-Ballot Validation</b>	<b>Multi-Vote Prevention</b>
How do states validate that a mail-ballot is legally sufficient and meets the requirements to be counted?	How does a state prevent a voter from voting by-mail <i>and</i> at their local polling place? What systems exists to minimize the chances of multiple voting?
<b>V@H Election Laws</b>	<b>V@H Voter Resources</b>
What are the legal means by which elections are conducted by-mail in the state?	Mail-Ballot Application Forms, FAQs, General Information, and Election Statutes

**States By Relative Mail-Ballot Access (click to go to a state)**

<b>V@H</b>	<i>No Excuse/Permanent Mail-Ballot Option</i>	<i>No Excuse/ No Permanent Mail-Ballot Option</i>	<i>Excuse Required (Age Exception)</i>	<i>Excuse Required</i>
Colorado	Arizona	Alaska	Indiana	Alabama
Oregon	California	Florida	Kentucky	Arkansas
Washington	Hawaii	Georgia	Louisiana	Connecticut
	Kansas	Idaho	Mississippi	Delaware
	Minnesota	Illinois	Tennessee	Massachusetts
	Nevada	Iowa	Texas	Missouri
	New Jersey	Maine	South Carolina	New Hampshire
	Montana	Maryland		New York
	Utah	Michigan		Pennsylvania
	Wisconsin	Nebraska		Virginia
		New Mexico		West Virginia
		North Carolina		
		North Dakota		
		Ohio		
		Oklahoma		
		Rhode Island		
		South Dakota		
		Vermont		
		Wyoming		

**COLORADO**

**MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION**

All Voters Automatically Receive a Mail-Ballot For Each Election

**MAIL-BALLOT VOTING**

<b>Mailed-Out Ballot Schedule</b> (days before election)	<b>Witness/Notary?</b>	<b>Photo ID?</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Return Methods</b>	<b>In Person Mail-Ballot Return</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Deadline</b>	<b>Postmark Permitted?</b>
10/15/18 (22)	NO	NO	Mail or Hand-deliver to the local county clerk/recorder or drop-off at any Drop-site or Voting Service/Polling Center location	Any person may return another voter's completed mail-ballot	11/6/18	NO

**MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING**

<b>Full Signature Verification</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Validation</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Curing</b>	<b>Double-Vote' Prevention</b>
YES (8 CCR 1505-1)	Ballot affidavit signature compared to signature on file in statewide voter registration system (8 CCR 1505-1)	Voters of ballots with missing/ mismatching signatures are notified by mail within 3 days (or 2 days after the election) of any discrepancy. A confirmation form accompanying the letter must be returned to the county clerk and recorder 8 days after election day to count. (CRS 1-7.5-107.3)	Each county clerk and recorder maintains record of all voters who've cast ballots by mail or at a voter service and polling center in statewide voter registration system (CRS 1-7.5-210)

**V@H ELECTION LAWS**

All elections conducted by-mail

**V@H VOTING RESOURCES**

**Voter Registration Form**  
**Vote By Mail Process**  
**Colorado Election Statutes**

**OREGON**

<b>MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION</b>						
All Voters Automatically Receive a Mail-Ballot For Each Election						
<b>MAIL-BALLOT VOTING</b>						
<b>Mailed-Out Ballot Schedule</b> (days before election)	<b>Witness/Notary?</b>	<b>Photo ID?</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Return Methods</b>	<b>In Person Mail-Ballot Return</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Deadline</b>	<b>Postmark Permitted?</b>
10/17/18 (20)	NO	NO	Mail or Hand-deliver to any county clerk office or drop-off at a designated Drop-site	Anyone can return the ballot of another voter so long as the ballot is returned within 2 days of receipt (ORS § 254.47(6)(d))	11/6/18	NO
<b>MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING</b>						
<b>Full Signature Verification</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Validation</b>		<b>Mail-Ballot Curing</b>		<b>Double-Vote' Prevention</b>	
YES (ORS § 254.47(9))	Ballot affidavit signature compared with signature in voter's voter registration record (ORS § 254.47(9))		County clerks notify voters by mail of any signature absence or discrepancy; Voters must complete and return the certified statement accompanying the notice by the 14th day after the election for their ballot to count (ORS § 254.431)		The county clerk shall count the first ballot received by a voter; All ballots scanned into a vote tallying system and any duplicate ballots are rejected (ORS § 254.478)	
<b>V@H ELECTION LAWS</b>				<b>V@H VOTING RESOURCES</b>		
All elections conducted by-mail				<b>Oregon Voter Registration Card</b> <b>Oregon Vote-By-Mail Process</b> <b>Oregon Election Statutes</b>		

**WASHINGTON**

**MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION**

All Voters Automatically Receive a Mail-Ballot For Each Election

**MAIL-BALLOT VOTING**

<b>Mailed-Out Ballot Schedule</b> (days before election)	<b>Witness/Notary?</b>	<b>Photo ID?</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Return Methods</b>	<b>In Person Mail-Ballot Return</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Deadline</b>	<b>Postmark Permitted?</b>
10/19/18 (18)	NO	NO	Mail or Hand-deliver to the local county auditor or drop-off at any Drop-site or Voting Center location	Any person may return another voter's completed mail-ballot	11/6/18	Yes; Accepted if postmarked by Election Day

**MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING**

<b>Full Signature Verification</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Validation</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Curing</b>	<b>Multi-Vote Prevention</b>
YES	Ballot affidavit signature compared to signature in voter registration record <i>(RCW § 29A.40.110)</i>	Voters notified by mail of rejected ballots due to missing/mismatching signatures. Voter must sign curing statement provided in letter and be return before election certification (21 days after election day). Three days before certification, county auditors must attempt to contact by phone any voters with outstanding cure statements <i>(WAC 434-261-050)</i>	The first received ballot is credited to the voter's registration record; any subsequently received ballots are not counted <i>(WAC 434-250-080)</i>

**V@H ELECTION LAWS**

All elections conducted by-mail

**V@H VOTING RESOURCES**

**Voter Registration Form**  
**Vote By Mail Process**  
**Washington Election Statutes**

**NO EXCUSE/PERMANENT MAIL-BALLOT STATES**

**ARIZONA**

MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION					
Eligibility	Permanent Mail-Ballot Option?	Applicable Elections	Application Methods	Distribution/Collection Rules	Photo ID?
No Excuse Required (AZ Rev Stat § 16-541)	YES; Any eligible voter may opt for permanent absentee status (AZ Rev Stat § 16-544)	All Calendar Year Elections	Mail, Hand-deliver, Email, apply Online, or Phone request to County Recorder's office	Third parties may distribute/collect/submit applications (AZ Rev Stat § 16-544)	NO
Witness/Notary?	Application Period (Start Date)	Mailed-Out Ballot Deadline	Final Deadline	Application Verification	Application Turnaround (business days)
NO	8/5/18	10/26/18	10/26/18	Signature checked against voter registration record (AZ Rev Stat § 16-550)	Varies*

\*Early ballots requested on or before the 31st day before an election shall be mailed 24-27 days before the election; early ballots requested within 27 days before an election, are to be mailed within 48 hours (AZ Rev Stat § 16-542)

MAIL-BALLOT VOTING						
Mailed-Out Date (days before election)	Witness/Notary?	Photo ID?	Mail-Ballot Return Methods	In Person Mail-Ballot Return	Mail-Ballot Deadline	Postmark Permitted?
27	NO	NO	Mail or Hand-deliver to County Recorder; county Polling Place; or Early in-person voting site (AZ Rev Stat § 16-547)	It is a felony to possess the early ballot of another voter (AZ Rev Stat § 16-1005)	11/6/18	NO



**MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING**

<p>YES (AZ Rev Stat § 16-550)</p>	<p>Ballot affidavit signature compared with voter's signature in voter registration record (AZ Rev Stat § 16-550)</p>	<p>No Legally Mandated Process (AZ Rev Stat § 16-552)</p>	<p>Ballot tabulation scanners catch/void any 'double-voted' ballots at canvass of votes</p>
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**V@H ELECTION LAWS**

**V@H VOTING RESOURCES**

<p>Special districts may conduct by-mail elections only with approval from the board of supervisors of the county in which the district resides (Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. §16-558)</p>	<p><b>Voter Registration/Vote By Mail Form</b> <b>Early Voting Process</b> <b>Arizona Election Laws</b></p>
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**CALIFORNIA**

**MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION**

<b>Eligibility</b>	<b>Permanent Mail-Ballot Option?</b>	<b>Applicable Elections</b>	<b>Application Methods</b>	<b>Distribution/Collection Rules</b>	<b>Photo ID?</b>
<p>No Excuse Required (CA Elec Code § 3003)</p>	<p>YES; Any eligible voter may opt for permanent absentee status (CA Elec Code § 3006)</p>	<p>All Calendar Year Elections</p>	<p>Mail, Hand-deliver, apply Online, or Phone request to County Elections office</p>	<p>Third parties may distribute/collect/submit applications (CA ELEC § 3008)</p>	<p>NO</p>
<b>Witness/Notary?</b>	<b>Application Period (Start Date)</b>	<b>Mailed-Out Ballot Deadline</b>	<b>Final Deadline</b>	<b>Application Verification</b>	<b>Application Turnaround (business days)</b>
<p>NO</p>	<p>Open*</p>	<p>10/30/18</p>	<p>10/30/18</p>	<p>Application signature checked against voter registration record (CA ELEC § 3009)</p>	<p>No Requirement</p>

\*Application for a mail-ballot shall be made between the 29th and the 7th day before an election. Any applications received prior to this period are kept and processed during the application period

**MAIL-BALLOT VOTING**

31	NO	NO	Mail, Hand-deliver to County Elections office; any Polling Place; or Ballot Drop-Box	Voter may designate any person to return their mail-ballot <i>(CA ELEC § 3017a)</i>	11/6/18	YES; Accepted 3 days after election day <i>(CA ELEC § 3020b)</i>
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**MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING**

Full Signature Verification	Mail-Ballot Validation	Mail-Ballot Curing	Multi-Vote Prevention
YES <i>(CA ELEC § 3019a)</i>	Ballot affidavit signature compared with voter’s signature in voter registration record <i>(CA ELEC § 3019a)</i>	If determined signatures don’t match, ballot is rejected; unsigned ballots are only rejected if voters fail to correct the error by 8th day post-election <i>(CA Elec Code § 3019)</i>	List of voters who’ve applied for and received mail-ballots shared with precincts; prior to counting, verification conducted and any attempts to vote twice will result in both ballots being voided <i>(CA ELEC § 3014)</i>

**V@H ELECTION LAWS**

**V@H VOTING RESOURCES**

Precincts of 250 voters or less may conduct elections by mail <i>(CA ELEC § 3005)</i> ; Any local, special, or consolidated election may be conducted by mail <i>(CA ELEC § 4000)</i> ; Starting January 1, 2020, any county may conduct any election by mail <i>(CA ELEC § 4005)</i>	<p><b>Vote By Mail Application</b></p> <p><b>Vote By Mail Process</b></p> <p><b>California Election Code</b></p>
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**HAWAII**

**MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION**

Eligibility	Permanent Mail-Ballot Option?	Applicable Elections	Application Methods	Distribution/Collection Rules	Photo ID?
No Excuse Required <i>(HI Rev Stat § 15-2)</i>	YES; Any eligible voter may opt for permanent absentee status <i>(HI Rev Stat § 15-4)</i>	All Calendar Year Elections	Mail, Hand-deliver, or apply Online to County Clerk’s office	No restrictions	NO

MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION					
Witness/Notary?	Application Period (Start Date)	Mailed-Out Ballot Deadline	Final Deadline	Application Verification	Application Turnaround (business days)
NO	Open	10/30/18	10/30/18	Voter eligibility checked against voter registration record <i>(HI Rev Stat § 15-5)</i>	1

  

MAIL-BALLOT VOTING						
Ballots Mailed-Out Date (days before election)	Witness/Notary?	Photo ID?	Mail-Ballot Return Methods	In Person Mail-Ballot Return	Mail-Ballot Deadline	Postmark Permitted?
20	NO	NO	Mail or Hand-deliver to County Clerk's office; or any county Polling Place	No restrictions on who may hand-deliver voted mail-ballots	11/6/18	NO

  

MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING			
Full Signature Verification	Mail-Ballot Validation	Mail-Ballot Curing	Multi-Vote Prevention
YES	Ballot affidavit signature compared with voter's signature on voter registration record	No Official Process <i>(HI Rev Stat § 15-9)</i> ; Informal practice is to outreach to voters to provide option to correct any errors before election day	Pollbook will reflect the voting status of absentee voters as having already voted by mail

  

V@H ELECTION LAWS	V@H VOTING RESOURCES
Any federal, state, or county election not held on the same date as a regularly scheduled primary or general may be conducted by mail <i>(HI Election Code §11-91.5)</i> ; Any area of 500 voters or less covered by a unique ballot type may be sent an absentee ballot by election officials if it's determined that a polling place will not be established <i>(HI Rev Stat § 15-4)</i>	<p><b>Absentee Ballot Application</b></p> <p><b>Early Voting Process</b></p> <p><b>Hawaii Election Statutes</b></p>

**MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION**

No Excuse Required ( <i>MT Code § 13-13-201</i> )	YES; Any eligible voter may opt for permanent absentee status ( <i>MT Code § 13-13-212</i> )	All Calendar Year Elections	Mail, Hand-deliver, Email, or Fax to County Election office	No restrictions	NO
<b>Witness/Notary?</b>	<b>Application Period (Start Date)</b>	<b>Mailed-Out Ballot Deadline</b>	<b>Final Deadline</b>	<b>Application Verification</b>	<b>Application Processing Turnaround (business days)</b>
NO	Open	None; At voter's discretion	11/5/18	Application signature checked against voter registration record ( <i>MT Code § 13-13-213</i> )	No Requirement

**MAIL-BALLOT VOTING**

<b>Ballots Mailed-Out Date (days before election)</b>	<b>Witness/Notary?</b>	<b>Photo ID?</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Return Methods</b>	<b>In Person Mail-Ballot Return</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Deadline</b>	<b>Postmark Permitted?</b>
25	NO	NO	Mail, Hand-deliver to County Election office; or county Polling Place	Anyone can hand-deliver any amount of voted mail-ballots	11/6/18	NO

**MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING**

<b>Full Signature Verification</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Validation</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Curing</b>	<b>Multi-Vote Prevention</b>
YES ( <i>MT Code § 13-13-241</i> )	Ballot affidavit signature compared with signature on voter's absentee ballot request form and/or voter registration record ( <i>MT Code § 13-13-241</i> )	Election administrators shall notify voters of missing or mismatched signatures; voters have until 8:00pm on election day to cure their ballot ( <i>MT Code § 13-13-241; MT Code § 13-13-245</i> )	Precinct Register Books indicate when a voter has requested, been issued, and/or voted an absentee ballot

V@H ELECTION LAWS	V@H VOTING RESOURCES
<p>Any election may be conducted by mail except during a regularly scheduled federal, state, or county election; a special federal or state election, unless authorized by the legislature; or a regularly scheduled or special election when another election in political subdivision is taking place at the same time <i>(MCA 13-19-101 et seq.)</i></p>	<p><b>Absentee Ballot Application</b> <b>Absentee Voting Process</b> <b>Montana Election Statutes</b></p>

**NEW JERSEY**

MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION					
Eligibility	Permanent Mail-Ballot Option?	Applicable Elections	Application Methods	Distribution/Collection Rules	Photo ID?
No Excuse Required <i>(NJ Rev Stat § 19:63-3)</i>	YES; Permanent absentee status available for General Elections only; Any eligible voter may vote permanent absentee <i>(NJ Rev Stat § 19:63-3)</i>	All Calendar Year Elections	Mail or Hand-deliver to County Clerk’s office	No restriction on who may distribute/collect/submit absentee ballot applications	NO
Witness/Notary?	Application Period (Start Date)	Mailed-Out Ballot Deadline	Final Deadline	Application Verification	Application Turnaround (business days)
NO	Open	10/30/18	11/5/18	Application signature checked against voter registration record <i>(NJ Rev Stat § 19:63-8)</i>	Varies*

\*Requests made up until the 13th day before the election shall have ballots mailed within 3 business days. For requests made between the 12th and 7th days before election day, ballots are mailed within 2 business days.

MAIL-BALLOT VOTING							
Ballots Mailed-Out Date <small>(days before election)</small>	Mailed-Out Ballot Turnaround	Witness/Notary?	Photo ID?	Mail-Ballot Return Methods	In Person Mail-Ballot Return	Mail-Ballot Deadline	Postmark Permitted?

**MAIL-BALLOT VOTING**

45	Varies*	NO	NO	Mail or Hand-deliver to County Clerk's office	Only a bearer designated by a voter can return another's voted ballot; a bearer is limited to 3 voted ballots in an election <i>(NJ Rev Stat § 19:63-16)</i>	11/6/18	YES; Accepted 2 days after election day
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**MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING**

Full Signature Verification	Mail-Ballot Validation	Mail-Ballot Curing	Multi-Vote Prevention
YES <i>(NJ Rev Stat § 19:63-17)</i>	Ballot affidavit signature compared with signature on voter's absentee ballot request form and/or voter registration record <i>(NJ Rev Stat § 19:63-17)</i>	No Legally Mandated Process	Precinct Pollbooks are stamped to indicate absentee voting status; absentee voter cannot vote at polling place, only provisionally

**V@H ELECTION LAWS**

**V@H VOTING RESOURCES**

Any municipality of fewer than 500 voters may conduct elections entirely by mail <i>(NJRS §19.62-1)</i>	<p><b>Vote By Mail Ballot Application:</b> No statewide application; Contact County Clerk's office</p> <p><b>Vote By Mail Voting Process</b> <b>New Jersey Election Statutes</b></p>
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**MINNESOTA**

**MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION**

Eligibility	Permanent Mail-Ballot Option?	Applicable Elections	Application Methods	Distribution/Collection Rules	Photo ID?
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**MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION**

No Excuse Required <i>(MN Stat § 203B.02)</i>	NO; Semi-permanent option automatically mails an absentee ballot application 60 days before each election <i>(MN Stat § 203B.04)</i>	All Calendar Year Elections	Mail, Hand-deliver, Email, Fax, or apply Online to local County Elections office	No restrictions on who may distribute/collect/solicit applications; Must be returned to elections office within 10 days of completion <i>(MN Stat § 203B.04)</i>	NO
<b>Witness/Notary?</b>	<b>Application Period (Start Date)</b>	<b>Mailed-Out Ballot Deadline</b>	<b>Final Deadline</b>	<b>Application Verification</b>	<b>Application Turnaround (business days)</b>
NO	Open	None; At voter's discretion	11/5/18	Applicant's eligibility to vote and information confirmed via voter registration record <i>(MN Stat § 203B.06)</i>	No requirement

**MAIL-BALLOT VOTING**

<b>Ballots Mailed-Out Date (days before election)</b>	<b>Witness/Notary?</b>	<b>Photo ID?</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Return Methods</b>	<b>In Person Mail-Ballot Return</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Deadline</b>	<b>Postmark Permitted?</b>
46	YES; Either a registered Minnesota voter or a public notary must witness the marking of a mail-ballot <i>(MN Stat § 203B.07)</i>	NO	Mail or Hand-deliver to county auditor or municipal clerk	Only a designated agent of the voter may return their voted mail-ballot; an agent may return up to 3 voted mail-ballots per election <i>(MN Stat § 8210.2200)</i>	11/6/18	NO

**MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING**

<b>Full Signature Verification</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Validation</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Curing</b>	<b>Multi-Vote Prevention</b>
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**MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING**

<p>NO (MN Stat § 203B.121)</p>	<p>Election officials compare voter’s ID number listed on mail-ballot with ID number provided on absentee request form and confirm proper witness/notary signatures are present (MN Stat § 203B.121)</p>	<p>If a ballot is rejected more than 5 days before election day a replacement ballot is mailed; if rejected within 5 days, election officials must contact the voter via telephone or email to provide options for voting a replacement ballot (MN Stat § 203B.121)</p>	<p>Board of election consults statewide voter registration database or available polling place rosters; any duplicate ballot received after the 7th day before the election is rejected (MN Stat § 203B.121)</p>
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**V@H ELECTION LAWS**

**V@H VOTING RESOURCES**

<p>Any municipality of less than 400 voters may conduct elections by mail (MN Stat. §204B)</p>	<p><b>Minnesota Absentee Ballot Application /Automatic Application Absentee Voting Process Minnesota Election Statutes</b></p>
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**UTAH**

**MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION**

<b>Eligibility</b>	<b>Permanent Mail-Ballot Option?</b>	<b>Applicable Elections</b>	<b>Application Methods</b>	<b>Distribution/Collection Rules</b>	<b>Photo ID?</b>
<p>No Excuse Required (UT Code § 20A-3-301(1))</p>	<p>YES; Any eligible absentee voter may opt for permanent absentee status</p>	<p>All Calendar Year Elections</p>	<p>Mail, Hand-deliver, Email, Fax or apply Online to the County Clerk’s office</p>	<p>Any person can distribute and collect applications so long as an application is returned within 14 of completion by the voter (UT Code § 20A-3-304(1)(c))</p>	<p>NO</p>
<b>Witness/Notary?</b>	<b>Application Period Start Date</b> (days before Election Day)	<b>Mailed-Out Ballot Deadline</b>	<b>Final Deadline</b>	<b>Application Verification</b>	<b>Application Turnaround</b> (business days)
<p>NO</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>10/30/18</p>	<p>10/30/18</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>No Requirement</p>



**MAIL-BALLOT VOTING**

10/16/18 (21)	NO	NO	Mail or Hand-deliver to County Clerk's office; drop-off at local Polling Place or Early in Person Voting place <i>(UT Code § 20A-3-305)</i>	Only the absentee voter may return their own absentee ballot <i>(UT Code § 20A-3-306)</i>	11/6/18	YES; Accepted until the date of Official Canvas (7-14 days after election day) only if postmarked by the day before election <i>(UT Code § 20A-3-306)</i>
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**MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING**

<b>Full Signature Verification</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Validation</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Curing</b>	<b>Multi-Vote Prevention</b>
YES <i>(UT Code §20A-3-308(1)(a))</i>	Ballot affidavit signature compared to absentee application signature <i>(UT Code §20A-3-308(1)(a))</i>	Election officials notify voters of ballot rejection in 1-2 business days if rejected before election day; 7 days if rejected on election day; and 7 days if rejected between election day and the end of official canvas; Voters must sign a new affidavit statement provided by the clerk's office and return by 5:00 pm the day before the official canvas (7-14 days after election day) <i>(UT Code § 20A-3-308(7)(a)-(c))</i>	Statewide voter database updated to identify if a voter requested, was issued, and/or voted absentee; precinct poll workers verify voter's voting status on official register <i>(UT Code § 20A-3-304(1)(c))</i>

**V@H ELECTION LAWS**

**V@H VOTING RESOURCES**

An election official may conduct any election by absentee ballot <i>(UT Code §20A-3-302)</i>	<p><b>Absentee Voting Application</b></p> <p><b>Absentee Voting Process</b></p> <p><b>Utah Election Laws</b></p>
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**MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION**

No Excuse Required <i>(WIS. STAT. § 6.86 (1)(ac))</i>	YES; Voters meeting certain criteria (eg. physical disability or long-term illness) may opt for permanent status <i>(WIS. STAT. § 6.86 (2)(a))</i>	All Calendar Year Elections	Mail, Hand-deliver, Email, Fax or apply Online to the municipal clerk’s office	No restrictions	YES; A copy of proof of identification must accompany an absentee application <i>(WIS. STAT. § 6.87(1))</i>
<b>Witness/Notary?</b>	<b>Application Period Start Date</b> (days before Election Day)	<b>Mailed-Out Ballot Deadline</b>	<b>Final Deadline</b>	<b>Application Verification</b>	<b>Application Turnaround</b> (business days)
NO	Mail: Open In person: 10/15/18 (22)	11/1/18	11/2/18	Ballot application information verified with enclosed photo identification information <i>(WIS. STAT. § 6.87(1))</i>	No Requirement

**MAIL-BALLOT VOTING**

<b>Ballots Mailed-Out Date</b> (days before election)	<b>Witness/Notary?</b>	<b>Photo ID?</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Return Methods</b>	<b>In Person Mail-Ballot Return</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Deadline</b>	<b>Postmark Permitted?</b>
9/20/18 (47)	YES; Ballot must be marked and affidavit signed in the presence of one adult U.S. citizen <i>(RI Gen L § 17-20-2(1))</i>	NO	Mail or Hand-deliver to municipal clerk’s office; or drop-off at local Polling Place <i>(UT Code § 20A-3-305)</i>	Any person may return another voter’s absentee ballot	11/6/18	NO

**MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING**

<b>Full Signature Verification</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Validation</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Curing</b>	<b>Multi-Vote Prevention</b>
NO	Ballot envelope verified for completion only <i>(WIS. STAT. § 6.88(3)(a))</i>	Municipal clerks return any deficient absentee ballot envelopes with a new envelope to the voter and allow for a correction until close of polls election day <i>(WIS. STAT. § 6.87(9))</i>	Absentee ballot log maintained by election inspectors and shared with polling places; absentee log and poll list to confirm a voter didn’t already vote absentee

V@H ELECTION LAWS	V@H VOTING RESOURCES
No laws addressing by-mail elections	<b>Absentee Ballot Application</b> <b>Absentee Voting Process</b> <b>Wisconsin Election Laws</b>

**NEVADA**

MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION					
Eligibility	Permanent Mail-Ballot Option?	Applicable Elections	Application Methods	Distribution/Collection Rules	Photo ID?
No Excuse Required ( <i>NRS § 293.313</i> )	YES; Voters who meet certain criteria (eg. physical disability or long-term illness) may opt for permanent status ( <i>NRS § 293.3165</i> )	All Calendar Year Elections ( <i>NRS § 293.313</i> )	Mail, Hand-deliver, Email, or Fax to County Clerk or Registrar of Voters	A person who, 6 months before an election, intends to distribute greater than 500 applications must: (a) use the prescribed Sec. of State form; (b) notify not later than 14 days prior to distribution the county clerk of each county to which a form is to be distributed; (b) not return or offer to return any applications; (d) not mail forms later than 21 days before the election; applications must be submitted in person by the voter or a voter’s representative ( <i>NRS § 293.3095</i> )	NO
Witness/Notary?	Application Period Start Date (days before Election Day)	Mailed-Out Ballot Deadline	Final Deadline	Application Verification	Application Turnaround (business days)
NO	Open	10/30/18	10/30/18	Applicant’s eligibility to vote and information confirmed via voter registration record ( <i>NAC § 293.295</i> )	No Requirement

**MAIL-BALLOT VOTING**

10/17/18 (20)	NO	NO	Mail or Hand-deliver to County Clerk or Registrar of Voters	Only the voter or voter's immediate family member may return the voter's ballot in person; violation is a category E felony (NRS § 293.330)	11/6/18	NO
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**MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING**

<b>Full Signature Verification</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Validation</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Curing</b>	<b>Multi-Vote Prevention</b>
YES (NRS § 293.325)	Ballot affidavit signature compared with voter's signature on voter registration record (NRS § 293.325)	No Official Process; Rejected ballots are sent to county canvass board for further review, but voters are not notified of signature discrepancies	Absentee ballots scanned into a database to record a voter's voted status; precinct electronic poll book or roster marked if a absentee ballot is requested or received; voter cannot vote in person if marked as absentee

**V@H ELECTION LAWS**

**V@H VOTING RESOURCES**

No laws addressing by-mail elections	<p><b>Absentee Application</b></p> <p><b>Absentee Voting Process</b></p> <p><b>Nevada Election Laws</b></p>
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**KANSAS**

**MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION**

<b>Eligibility</b>	<b>Permanent Mail-Ballot Option</b>	<b>Applicable Elections</b>	<b>Application Methods</b>	<b>Distribution/Collection Rules</b>	<b>Photo ID?</b>
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**MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION**

No Excuse Required <i>(KSA § 25-1119(a))</i>	Yes; Voters meeting certain criteria (eg. physical disability or long-term illness) may opt for permanent status <i>(KSA § 25-1122(h))</i>	Each Individual Election	Mail, Hand-deliver, Email, Fax or apply Online to the city/town clerk's office	Any person or third party may engage in distribution and collection of advance voting ballots but must deliver any application within two days of completion <i>(KSA § 25-1128(b))</i>	NO
<b>Witness/Notary?</b>	<b>Application Period Start Date</b> (days before Election Day)	<b>Mailed-Out Ballot Deadline</b>	<b>Final Deadline</b>	<b>Application Verification</b>	<b>Application Turnaround</b> (business days)
NO	8/8/18 (90)	10/30/18	10/30/18	Application signature compared to voter's signature on voter registration record before issuing advance mail-ballot <i>(KSA § 25-1122(e))</i>	2

**MAIL-BALLOT VOTING**

<b>Ballots Mailed-Out Date</b> (days before election)	<b>Witness/Notary?</b>	<b>Photo ID?</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Return Methods</b>	<b>In Person Mail-Ballot Return</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Deadline</b>	<b>Postmark Permitted?</b>
10/17/18 (20)	NO	NO	Mail or Hand-deliver to city/town clerk's office; drop-off at local Polling Place or Early in Person Voting place <i>(KSA § 25-1132(a))</i>	Any person may deliver the advance ballot or another voter so long as they sign outside of ballot envelope <i>(KSA § 25-1128(g))</i>	11/6/18	YES; Accepted 3 days after election day <i>(KSA § 25-1132(b))</i>

**MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING**

<b>Full Signature Verification</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Validation</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Curing</b>	<b>Multi-Vote Prevention</b>
YES	Ballot affidavit signature and information compared with the voter's signature/information in the voter registration record	No Official Process	A list of advance voters provided to each polling place and flagged in voter registration database; if advance ballot is received from a voter who is not on the list, their name is checked off on the poll book as having voted <i>(KSA §25-1135)</i>

<b>V@H ELECTION LAWS</b>	<b>V@H VOTING RESOURCES</b>
<p>An election may be conducted by mail if: the election is nonpartisan; does not involve the nomination, election, or recall of any candidate; and is not held on the same date as another election in which the voters of the subdivision of government are voting (<i>KSA §25-432</i>)</p>	<p><b>Advance Voting Application</b>  <b>Advance Voting Process</b>  <b>Kansas Election Laws</b></p>

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**NO EXCUSE/NO PERMANENT MAIL-BALLOT STATES**

**ALASKA**

<b>MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION</b>					
<b>Eligibility</b>	<b>Permanent Mail-Ballot Option</b>	<b>Applicable Elections</b>	<b>Application Methods</b>	<b>Distribution/Collection Rules</b>	<b>Photo ID</b>

**MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION**

No Excuse Required <i>(AS § 15.20.010)</i>	No	All Calendar Year Elections	Mail, Hand-deliver, Email, or Fax to State Election Division or local election supervisor	Third party groups are restricted to supplying only their own affiliated members with an application <i>(AS § 15.20.081)</i>	Not Required
<b>Witness/Notary</b>	<b>Application Period Start Date</b> (days before Election Day)	<b>Mailed-Out Ballot Deadline</b>	<b>Final Deadline</b>	<b>Application Verification</b>	<b>Application Processing Turnaround</b> (business days)
Not Required	Varies*	10/27/18	Varies**		No Requirement

\*Eligible absentee voters who prefer a mailed-out ballot may apply for an absentee ballot at any time during the year in which the designated election(s) is held; voters seeking an electronically delivered (fax or email) ballot may apply starting 10/22/18 (15 days before an election)

\*\*For a physically delivered (in person or mailed-out) mail-ballot: 10/27/18; For electronically delivered (fax or email) ballots: 11/5/18

**MAIL-BALLOT VOTING**

<b>Ballots Mailed-Out Date</b> (days before election)	<b>Witness/Notary</b>	<b>Photo ID</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Return Methods</b>	<b>In Person Mail-Ballot Return</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Deadline</b>	<b>Postmark Permitted?</b>
10/12/18 (25)	The signature of one witness 18 years of age or older or public notary required attesting to marking of ballot by voter <i>(AS § 15.20.081)</i>	Not Required	Mail or Hand-deliver, to State Election Division office or local election supervisor; drop-off at any polling place or early in person absentee location	Only a voter’s spouses or, in the case of disability or illness, a voter’s representative may deliver in person the voted mail-ballot of another voter	11/6/18	Yes; Accepted 10 days after election day

**MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING**

<b>Full Signature Verification</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Validation</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Curing</b>	<b>Multi-Vote Prevention</b>
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**MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING**

NO	Ballot affidavit reviewed for completion of voter signature, witness/notary certification, and voter identification number <i>(AS § 15.20.203)</i>	No Legally Mandated Process; if missing signatures or witness/notary public and/or voter or voter’s identifying number, ballot is rejected; voter’s notified of rejection no later than 60 days after certification of election <i>(AS § 15.20.203)</i>	Real-time voter registration system tracks all mail-ballot, poll place, and absentee in person votes; all mail-ballots received are logged in system and before tallying votes begins, election division runs report of all voter history to search for voters who have using more then one method
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**V@H ELECTION LAWS**

**V@H VOTING RESOURCES**

State director of elections may conduct an election by mail if it is not held simultaneously with a general, party primary, or municipal election  
*(Alaska Stat.§15.20.800)*

- Absentee Voting Application**
- Absentee Voting Process**
- Arizona Election Statutes**

**FLORIDA**

**MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION**

<b>Eligibility</b>	<b>Permanent Mail-Ballot Option?</b>	<b>Applicable Elections</b>	<b>Application Methods</b>	<b>Distribution/Collection Rules</b>	<b>Photo ID?</b>
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**MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION**

No Excuse Required <i>(FL Stat § 101.62)</i>	NO	All elections through end of Calendar Year of the second ensuing General Election from time of application <i>(FL Stat § 101.62)</i>	Mail, Hand-deliver, Email, Fax, apply Online, or Telephone request to County Election Supervisor	Any person or third party may collect and submit an absentee request form on behalf of a voter	NO
<b>Witness/Notary</b>	<b>Application Period (Start Date)</b>	<b>Mailed-Out Ballot Deadline</b>	<b>Final Deadline</b>	<b>Application Verification</b>	<b>Application Turnaround (business days)</b>
Not Required	Open	10/31/18	11/6/18	Application signature compared with signature on voter registration file	2 <i>(FL Stat § 101.62)</i>

**MAIL-BALLOT VOTING**

<b>Ballots Mailed-Out Date (days before election)</b>	<b>Witness/Notary?</b>	<b>Photo ID?</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Return Methods</b>	<b>In Person Mail-Ballot Return</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Deadline</b>	<b>Postmark Permitted?</b>
28-35 <i>(FL Stat § 101.62)</i>	NO	NO	Mail or Hand-deliver to County Election Supervisor's Office only	Any person may deliver another voter's absentee ballot in person	11/6/18	NO

**MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING**

<b>Full Signature Verification</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Validation</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Curing</b>	<b>Multi-Vote Prevention</b>
YES <i>(FL Stat § 101.68)</i>	Ballot affidavit signature compared with voter's signature in voter registration record <i>(FL Stat § 101.68)</i>	County election supervisors shall notify any voter whose signature is missing or doesn't match records, and allow for a cure of voted ballots until 5:00pm on election day <i>(FL Stat § 101.68)</i>	Upon receipt of absentee ballot, a voter's online voter registration profile is updated to reflect a vote; online voter database accessible to all precinct polling places, and upon review, an absentee voter would be prohibited from voting in person

V@H ELECTION LAWS	V@H VOTING RESOURCES
All mail elections may be conducted for referendum elections in county, municipal, school board, or special district government subdivisions <i>(Fla. Stat. §101.6102)</i>	<b>Vote-By-Mail Application:</b> No statewide application; Contact County Supervisor of Elections Office <b>Vote-By-Mail Process</b> <b>Florida Election Statutes</b>

**GEORGIA**

MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION					
Eligibility	Permanent Mail-Ballot Option?	Applicable Elections	Application Methods	Distribution/Collection Rules	Photo ID?
No Excuse Required <i>(GA Code § 21-2-380)</i>	NO	Each Individual Election	Mail, Hand-deliver, Email, or Fax to county board of registrar’s office	Applications may be submitted by immediate family members only on behalf of a physically disabled voter; proof of relationship must be provided <i>(GA Code § 21-2-381)</i>	NO
Witness/Notary?	Application Period Start Date (days before Election Day)	Mailed-Out Ballot Deadline	Final Deadline	Application Verification	Application Turnaround (business days)
NO	5/10/18 (180)	11/2/18	11/2/18	Application information and signature compared to voter’s signature/information on voter registration record <i>(MA Gen L ch 54 § 91)</i>	2

MAIL-BALLOT VOTING						
Ballots Mailed-Out Date (days before election)	Witness/Notary?	Photo ID?	Mail-Ballot Return Methods	In Person Mail-Ballot Return	Mail-Ballot Deadline	Postmark Permitted?

**MAIL-BALLOT VOTING**

9/22/18 (45)	NO	NO	Mail or Hand-deliver to the county board of registrar’s or absentee ballot clerk’s office	Only immediate family members of physically disabled voters may deliver voted absentee ballots in person (GA Code § 21-2-385)	11/6/18	NO
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**MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING**

<b>Full Signature Verification</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Validation</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Curing</b>	<b>Multi-Vote Prevention</b>
YES (GA Code § 21-2-386)	Ballot affidavit signature checked against the voter’s signatures on the absentee ballot application and voter registration record (GA Code § 21-2-386)	If ballot is rejected, voter is promptly notified of rejection; if before election day, voter may reapply for an absentee ballot or vote provisionally at their local polling place (GA Code § 21-2-386)	Absentee lists identifying voters who’ve requested/returned absentee ballots distributed to precinct polling places; voter must vote provisionally if they appear on list (GA Code § 21-2-386)

**V@H ELECTION LAWS**

**V@H VOTING RESOURCES**

No laws addressing by-mail elections	<p><b>Absentee Request Form</b></p> <p><b>Absentee Voting Process</b></p> <p><b>Georgia Election Laws</b></p>
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**IDAHO**

**MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION**

<b>Eligibility</b>	<b>Permanent Mail-Ballot Option?</b>	<b>Applicable Elections</b>	<b>Application Methods</b>	<b>Distribution/Collection Rules</b>	<b>Photo ID?</b>
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**MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION**

No Excuse Required <i>(Idaho Code §34-1001)</i>	NO	All Calendar Year Elections	Mail, Hand-deliver, Email, or Fax to County Clerk’s office <i>(I.C. § 34-1002(7))</i>	No restrictions or regulations	NO
<b>Witness/Notary?</b>	<b>Application Period Start Date</b> (days before Election Day)	<b>Mailed-Out Ballot Deadline</b>	<b>Final Deadline</b>	<b>Application Verification</b>	<b>Application Turnaround</b> (business days)
NO	Open	10/26/18	10/26/18	Applicant’s eligibility to vote and application signature verified via voter registration record <i>(I.C. § 34-1003)</i>	No Requirement

**MAIL-BALLOT VOTING**

<b>Ballots Mailed-Out Date</b> (days before election)	<b>Witness/ Notary?</b>	<b>Photo ID?</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Return Methods</b>	<b>In Person Mail-Ballot Return</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Deadline</b>	<b>Postmark Permitted?</b>
9/22/18 (45)	NO	NO	Mail or Hand-deliver to County Clerk’s office	Anyone may deliver in person another voter’s voted ballot	In-person: 11/2/18 By-mail: 11/6/18	NO

**MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING**

<b>Full Signature Verification</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Validation</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Curing</b>	<b>Double-Vote’ Prevention</b>
YES <i>(Idaho Code §34-1005)</i>	Ballot affidavit signature compared with signature in voter registration file <i>(Idaho Code §34-1005)</i>	No Official Process; Informally, voters are notified by phone/mail of rejected ballots and allowed until election day to correct their ballot	List of received absentee ballots is delivered along with absentee ballot envelopes to the precinct polling place and poll books updated for absentee voters <i>(Idaho Code §34-1007)</i>

V@H ELECTION LAWS	V@H VOTING RESOURCES
County commissioners may designate for precincts of 125 voters or less that elections be conducted entirely by mail no later than April 1 of even-numbered years ( <i>Idaho Code §34-308</i> )	<b>Absentee Voting Application</b> <b>Absentee Voting Process</b> <b>Idaho Election Laws</b>

**ILLINOIS**

**MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION**

Eligibility	Permanent Mail-Ballot Option?	Applicable Elections	Application Methods	Distribution/Collection Rules	Photo ID?
No Excuse Required <i>(10 ILCS 5/19-1)</i>	NO	All Calendar Year Elections	Mail, Hand-deliver, or apply Online to County Clerk or county Board of Election Commissioners	Any person may produce, reproduce, distribute, or return to an election authority the application for a vote by mail ballot <i>(10 ILCS 5/19-3)</i>	NO
Witness/Notary?	Application Period (Start Date)	Mailed-Out Ballot Deadline	Final Deadline	Application Verification	Application Turnaround (business days)
NO	8/8/18 <i>(90 days before an election)</i>	11/1/18	11/5/18	Application signature checked against voter registration record <i>(10 ILCS 5/19-4)</i>	2 <i>(10 ILCS 5/19-4)</i>

**MAIL-BALLOT VOTING**

Ballots Mailed-Out Date (days before election)	Witness/Notary?	Photo ID?	Mail-Ballot Return Methods	In Person Mail-Ballot Return	Mail-Ballot Deadline	Postmark Permitted?
40 <i>(10 ILCS 5/19-4)</i>	NO	NO	Mail or Hand-deliver to County Clerk or county Board of Election Commissioners	Any person authorized by a voter can return said voters ballot <i>(10 ILCS 5/19-6)</i>	11/6/18	YES; Accepted 14 days after election day

**MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING**

<p>YES <i>(10 ILCS 5/19-8)</i></p>	<p>Ballot affidavit signature compared with voter's signature in voter registration record <i>(10 ILCS 5/19-8)</i></p>	<p>Voters notified by mail of rejected ballot within 2 days of rejection and given 14 days after election to resolve issue with county election authority <i>(10 ILCS 5/19-8)</i></p>	<p>Precinct lists indicate which voters were issued mail-ballots; lists checked at official vote canvass <i>(10 ILCS 5/19-4)</i></p>
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**V@H ELECTION LAWS**

**V@H VOTING RESOURCES**

No laws addressing by-mail elections

**Vote By Mail Ballot Application:**  
No statewide application; Contact local election authority  
**Vote By Mail Voting Process**  
**Illinois Election Statutes**

**IOWA**

**MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION**

<b>Eligibility</b>	<b>Permanent Mail-Ballot Option?</b>	<b>Applicable Elections</b>	<b>Application Methods</b>	<b>Distribution/Collection Rules</b>	<b>Photo ID?</b>
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**MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION**

No Excuse Required <i>(Iowa Code § 53.1)</i>	NO	Each Individual Election	Mail or Hand-deliver to the county auditor's office	Third parties, including parties, candidates, and committees may distribute and collect applications from voters, but must return an application within 72 hours of completion <i>(Iowa Code § 53.2(8))</i>	NO
<b>Witness/Notary?</b>	<b>Application Period Start Date</b> (days before Election Day)	<b>Mailed-Out Ballot Deadline</b>	<b>Final Deadline</b>	<b>Application Verification</b>	<b>Application Turnaround</b> (business days)
NO	8/28/18 (70)	10/28/18	10/28/18	County auditors have the option of reviewing the application signature, but are not required to do so	1 <i>(Iowa Code § 53.8(1)(a))</i>

**MAIL-BALLOT VOTING**

<b>Ballots Mailed-Out Date</b> (days before election)	<b>Witness/Notary?</b>	<b>Photo ID?</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Return Methods</b>	<b>In Person Mail-Ballot Return</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Deadline</b>	<b>Postmark Permitted?</b>
10/9/18 (28)	NO	NO	Mail or Hand-deliver to county auditor's office	A voter or a voter's designee may deliver the voter's absentee ballot; if by designee, the ballot must be returned within 72 hours of receipt from voter <i>(Iowa Code § 53.17(1)(a))</i>	11/6/18	YES; Accepted 6 days after election day only if postmarked by the day before election <i>(Iowa Code § 53.17(2))</i>

**MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING**

<b>Full Signature Verification</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Validation</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Curing</b>	<b>Multi-Vote Prevention</b>
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**MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING**

NO	County auditors have the option to verify ballot affidavit signatures for legitimacy, but are not required to do so; only a review for signature completion is required <i>(Iowa Code § 53.18(2))</i>	If a ballot affidavit is incomplete or absent, the commissioner must notify the voter within 24 hours to vote a replacement ballot until the day before the election, or vote at the voter’s precinct polling place <i>(Iowa Code § 53.18(2))</i>	The commissioner provides to each precinct a list of all registered voters in the precinct who have received an absentee ballot; Precinct officials designate on poll resister those voters who have received an absentee ballot and are not entitled to vote in person at the polls <i>(Iowa Code § 53.18(2))</i>
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**V@H ELECTION LAWS**

**V@H VOTING RESOURCES**

No laws addressing by-mail elections	<b>Absentee Application</b> <b>Absentee Voting Process</b> <b>Iowa Election Laws</b>
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**MAINE**

**MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION**

Eligibility	Permanent Mail-Ballot Option?	Applicable Elections	Application Methods	Distribution/Collection Rules	Photo ID?
No Excuse Required <i>(21-A ME Rev Stat § 751)</i>	NO	Each Individual Election	Mail, Hand-deliver, Email, Fax, or Phone request to local municipal clerk <i>(21-A ME Rev Stat § 753-A)</i>	No restrictions on who may distribute/collect/solicit applications <i>(21-A ME Rev Stat § 753-A)</i> ; immediate family members may make request on behalf of a voter <i>(21-A ME Rev Stat § 753-A)</i>	NO
<b>Witness/Notary?</b>	<b>Application Period Start Date</b> (days before Election Day)	<b>Mailed-Out Ballot Deadline</b>	<b>Final Deadline</b>	<b>Application Verification</b>	<b>Application Turnaround</b> (business days)



**MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION**

NO	8/8/18 (90)	11/1/18	11/1/18	Applicant's eligibility to vote confirmed via voter registration record <i>(21-A ME Rev Stat § 753-B)</i>	No requirement
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**MAIL-BALLOT VOTING**

Ballots Mailed-Out Date (days before election)	Witness/Notary?	Photo ID?	Mail-Ballot Return Methods	In Person Mail-Ballot Return	Mail-Ballot Deadline	Postmark Permitted?
10/7/18 (30)	NO	NO	Mail or Hand-deliver to municipal clerk's office	A third person may return an absentee ballot on behalf of a voter to the clerk's office within 2 business days or close of polls on election day <i>(21-A ME Rev Stat § 753-B)</i>	11/6/18	NO

**MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING**

Full Signature Verification?	Mail-Ballot Validation	Mail-Ballot Curing	Multi-Vote Prevention
YES <i>(21-A ME Rev Stat § 756)</i>	Ballot affidavit signature checked against the voter's signature on the absentee ballot application <i>(21-A ME Rev Stat § 756)</i>	No Legally Mandated Process; ballots are rejected ballots and not counted <i>(21-A ME Rev Stat § 759)</i>	Absentee list recording received absentee ballots maintained in a central voter registration system and shared with precincts on election day <i>(21-A ME Rev Stat § 753-B)</i> ; election wardens verify whether an absentee voter voted in person via precinct poll lists before accepting absentee ballot <i>(21-A ME Rev Stat § 759)</i>

**V@H ELECTION LAWS**

**V@H VOTING RESOURCES**

No laws addressing by-mail elections	<p><b>Absentee Ballot Request Form</b></p> <p><b>Absentee Voting Process</b></p> <p><b>Maine Election Laws</b></p>
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**MARYLAND**

<b>MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION</b>					
<b>Eligibility</b>	<b>Permanent Mail-Ballot Option?</b>	<b>Applicable Elections</b>	<b>Application Methods</b>	<b>Distribution/Collection Rules</b>	<b>Photo ID?</b>
No Excuse Required <i>(MD Elec Law Code § 9-304)</i>	NO	Primary/General Elections Only	Mail, Hand-deliver, Email, Fax, or apply Online to County Board of Elections	No restriction on who may distribute/collect/submit absentee ballot applications	NO
<b>Witness/Notary?</b>	<b>Application Period (Start Date)</b>	<b>Mailed-Out Ballot Deadline</b>	<b>Final Deadline</b>	<b>Application Verification</b>	<b>Application Turnaround (business days)</b>
NO	Open	Varies*	11/6/18	Applicant's eligibility to vote confirmed via voter registration record <i>(MD Elec Law Code § 9-306)</i>	No Requirement

\*For a mailed-out or faxed ballot: 10/30/18 (7 days before election); Emailed ballot: 11/2/18 (4 days before elections)

<b>MAIL-BALLOT VOTING</b>						
<b>Ballots Mailed-Out Date (days before election)</b>	<b>Witness/Notary?</b>	<b>Photo ID?</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Return Methods</b>	<b>In Person Mail-Ballot Return</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Deadline</b>	<b>Postmark Permitted?</b>
21	NO	NO	Mail or Hand-deliver to County Board of Elections	Designated agents authorized in writing by voters may deliver voted mail-ballots	11/6/18	YES; Accepted 10 days after election day

<b>MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING</b>			
<b>Full Signature Verification</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Validation</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Curing</b>	<b>Multi-Vote Prevention</b>

MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING			
NO	No Legally Mandated Process; Ballot serial barcodes used to ID voted mail-ballots returned by absentee voters	No Legally Mandated Process; Ballots rejected if unsigned	Serial barcodes on ballots used to track number of voted ballots per voter; Tabulation scanners should catch any multiple attempted voting
V@H ELECTION LAWS		V@H VOTING RESOURCES	
Local special elections meeting certain criteria and special elections to fill vacant Congressional seats, if proclaimed by the Governor, may be conducted by mail <i>(MD Elec Law Code § 9-501)</i>		<b>Absentee Ballot Application</b> <b>Absentee Voting Process</b> <b>Maryland Election Statutes</b>	

**MICHIGAN**

MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION					
Eligibility	Permanent Mail-Ballot Option?	Applicable Elections	Application Methods	Distribution/Collection Rules	Photo ID?
No Excuse <i>(Mich. Const. Art. 2, § 4)</i>	NO	Primary/General Elections Only	Mail, Hand-deliver, Email, or Fax to city/township clerk's office	Only the applicant, their immediate family or other household member may offer to return, agree to return, or solicit to return an application; violation of this law is a misdemeanor <i>(MI Comp L § 168.759)</i>	NO
Witness/Notary?	Application Period Start Date (days before Election Day)	Mailed-Out Ballot Deadline	Final Deadline	Application Verification	Application Turnaround (business days)
NO	8/23/18 (75 days)	11/3/18	11/5/18	Application signature checked against voter registration record <i>(MI Comp L § 168.761)</i>	No Requirement

**MAIL-BALLOT VOTING**

9/22/18 (45)	NO	NO	Mail or Hand-deliver to city/ township clerk	Only an immediate family member or other household member can return a voted mail-ballot for a voter <i>(MI Comp L § 168.764a)</i>	11/6/18	NO
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**MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING**

<b>Full Signature Verification</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Validation</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Curing</b>	<b>Multi-Vote Prevention</b>
YES <i>(MI Comp L § 168.767)</i>	Ballot affidavit signature compared with voter’s signature on the absentee ballot application and voter registration record <i>(MI Comp L § 168.767)</i>	If a ballot affidavit is found in error, the voter is contacted and provided opportunity to visit the clerk's office or request a replacement ballot should time allow; no curing process post-election <i>(MI Comp L § 168.765b)</i>	Pollbooks contain supplemental absentee voter lists; absent voter counting boards check poll book to ensure absentee voters did not also vote in person before accepting voted absentee ballot <i>(MI Comp L § 168.765a)</i>

**V@H ELECTION LAWS**

No laws addressing by-mail elections

**V@H VOTING RESOURCES**

- Absentee Request Form**
- Absentee Voting Process**
- Michigan Election Statutes**

**MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION**

No Excuse Required <i>(Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 32-938)</i>	NO	Each Individual Election	Mail, Hand-deliver, Email, or Fax to County Clerk or Election Commissioner’s office	No restrictions	NO
<b>Witness/Notary?</b>	<b>Application Period Start Date</b> (days before Election Day)	<b>Mailed-Out Ballot Deadline</b>	<b>Final Deadline</b>	<b>Application Verification</b>	<b>Application Turnaround</b> (business days)
NO	7/9/18 (120)	10/26/18	10/26/18	Applicant’s eligibility to vote confirmed via voter registration record <i>(Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 32-947)</i>	1

**MAIL-BALLOT VOTING**

<b>Ballots Mailed-Out Date</b> (days before election)	<b>Witness/Notary?</b>	<b>Photo ID?</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Return Methods</b>	<b>In Person Mail-Ballot Return</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Deadline</b>	<b>Postmark Permitted?</b>
10/2/18 (35)	NO	NO	Mail or Hand-deliver to County Clerk or Election Commissioner’s office; some counties offer ballot drop-boxes as an option	A person may, on behalf of a voter, deliver any amount of voted early ballots in person	11/6/18	NO

**MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING**

<b>Full Signature Verification</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Validation</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Curing</b>	<b>Multi-Vote Prevention</b>
YES <i>(Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 32-1027)</i>	Ballot affidavit signature and affidavit information compared with voter’s voter registration record information <i>(Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 32-1027)</i>	No Legally Mandated Process; Early voting ballot counting begins 24 hours before close of polls <i>(Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 32-1027)</i> ; some counties may informally notify voters of ballot rejections before election day to resolve any issues	Poll book rosters indicate which early voters issued mail-ballots and already voted; early voters may vote provisionally only at the polling place; voter registration system will only allow entry of one voting instance/method and deny all subsequent attempted entries <i>(Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 32-1027)</i>

V@H ELECTION LAWS	V@H VOTING RESOURCES
Any county of less than ten thousand inhabitants may apply to the Secretary of State to mail ballots for all elections to voters in lieu of establishing polling places ( <i>Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 32-960</i> ); County election officials may conduct by mail elections for any political subdivision holding a special election ( <i>Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 32-952</i> )	<p><b>Early Voting Application</b>  <b>Early Voting Process</b>  <b>Nebraska Election Laws</b></p>

**NEW MEXICO**

MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION					
Eligibility	Permanent Mail-Ballot Option?	Applicable Elections	Application Methods	Distribution/Collection Rules	Photo ID?
No Excuse Required ( <i>NM Stat § 1-6-3</i> )	NO	Each Individual Election	Mail, Hand-deliver, or apply Online to County Clerk’s office	Third parties may distribute/collect/solicit absentee applications from voters so long as they are submitted within 48 hours of completion ( <i>NM Stat § 1-6-4.3</i> )	NO
Witness/Notary?	Application Period Start Date (days before Election Day)	Mailed-Out Ballot Deadline	Final Deadline	Application Verification	Application Turnaround (business days)
NO	Open	11/2/18	11/2/18	Applicant’s eligibility to vote confirmed via voter registration record ( <i>NM Stat § 1-6-5</i> )	Varies*

\*Applications received 23 days or more before the election are to be processed as soon as practicable, but not later than 22 days before election day; applications received within 22 days of the election are processed within 24 hours

MAIL-BALLOT VOTING						
Ballots Mailed-Out Date (days before election)	Witness/Notary?	Photo ID?	Mail-Ballot Return Methods	In Person Mail-Ballot Return	Mail-Ballot Deadline	Postmark Permitted?

**MAIL-BALLOT VOTING**

10/15/18 (22)	NO	NO	Mail or Hand-deliver to County Clerk's office; Drop-off at local Polling Place on election day	Only a voter's caregiver or voter's immediate family member may deliver that voter's voted absentee ballot in person <i>(NM Stat § 1-6-9)</i>	11/6/18	NO
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**MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING**

Full Signature Verification	Mail-Ballot Validation	Mail-Ballot Curing	Multi-Vote Prevention
NO	Ballot affidavit verified for completion only <i>(NM Stat § 1-6-14)</i>	No Legally Mandated Process; Ballot envelopes whose signatures are missing are rejected <i>(NM Stat § 1-6-14)</i>	Absentee ballot register indicating all county absentee voters kept by County Clerk and shared with precincts on election day; absentee voters must sign sworn affidavit to vote a replacement absentee ballot at a polling place <i>(NM Stat § 1-6-6)</i>

**V@H ELECTION LAWS**

Any local government may conduct all-mail elections for any bond, levy, or property tax issue elections or any special election not involving the nomination or election of candidates to office (*NMSA §1-23-3*); County clerks may designate all-mail election be conducted for any precinct of fewer than 100 voters and where the nearest polling place is more than 25 miles from the percent boundary (*NM Stat § 1-6-22.1*)

**V@H VOTING RESOURCES**

- Absentee Voting Application**
- Early Voting Process**
- New Mexico Election Laws**

**NORTH CAROLINA**

**MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION**

Eligibility	Permanent Mail-Ballot Option?	Applicable Elections	Application Methods	Distribution/Collection Rules	Photo ID?
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MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION					
No Excuse Required <i>(NC Gen Stat § 163-226)</i>	NO	Each Individual Election*	Mail, Hand-deliver, Email, or Fax to the County Board of Elections	Any person or third party can distribute and collect and submit an absentee request on behalf of a voter	NO
<b>Witness/Notary?</b>	<b>Application Period (Start Date)</b>	<b>Mailed-Out Ballot Deadline</b>	<b>Final Deadline</b>	<b>Application Verification</b>	<b>Application Turnaround (business days)</b>
NO	Open	10/30/18	10/30/18	Applicant's eligibility to vote and information confirmed via voter registration record <i>(NC Gen Stat § 163-230.2)</i>	No requirement

\*Voters who meet certain criteria (eg. physically disabled) may make one application which applies to all elections in s calendar year

MAIL-BALLOT VOTING						
<b>Ballots Mailed-Out Date</b> (days before election)	<b>Witness/Notary?</b>	<b>Photo ID?</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Return Methods</b>	<b>In Person Mail-Ballot Return</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Deadline</b>	<b>Postmark Permitted?</b>
60	YES; Ballot marking must be witnessed by 2 persons 18 years or older, or alternatively by a public notary <i>(NC Gen Stat § 163-231)</i>	NO	Mail or Hand-deliver to County Board of Elections; county polling place; or early in person voting station <i>(NC Gen Stat § 163-231)</i>	Prohibited to return another voter's voted mail-ballot except for near relatives and legal guardians <i>(NC Gen Stat § 163-226.3)</i>	11/6/18	Yes; Accepted 3 days after election day

MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING			
<b>Full Signature Verification</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Validation</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Curing</b>	<b>Multi-Vote Prevention</b>
YES	Ballot affidavit signature compared with voter's signature in voter registration record; Witness/public notary signatures verified against statewide database	No Legally Mandated Process; informally, should time permit, a new ballot is sent if the initial mail-ballot is rejected prior to final tabulation and canvass	Precinct voter lists identify absentee voters who've requested/received absentee ballots' voters flagged as voted in statewide voter registration system once ballot received



V@H ELECTION LAWS	V@H VOTING RESOURCES
No laws addressing by-mail elections	<b>State Absentee Ballot Request Form</b> <b>Absentee Voting Process</b> <b>North Carolina Election Statutes</b>

**NORTH DAKOTA**

**MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION**

Eligibility	Permanent Mail-Ballot Option?	Applicable Elections	Application Methods	Distribution/Collection Rules	Photo ID?
No Excuse Required <i>(N.D.C.C. § 16.1-07-01)</i>	NO	All Calendar Year Elections	Mail, Hand-deliver, Email, or Fax to county auditor’s office <i>(NDCC § 16.1-07-05)</i>	No restrictions on who may distribute/collect/solicit applications; although, any mailings require approval from county auditor <i>(N.D.C.C. § 16.1-07-07)</i>	NO
Witness/Notary?	Application Period Start Date (days before Election Day)	Mailed-Out Ballot Deadline	Final Deadline	Application Verification	Application Processing Turnaround (business days)
NO	Open	None; At voter’s discretion	None; Close of polls Election Day	None; Ballot issued upon receipt of application	No Requirement

**MAIL-BALLOT VOTING**

Ballots Mailed-Out Date (days before election)	Witness/Notary?	Photo ID?	Mail-Ballot Return Methods	In Person Mail-Ballot Return	Mail-Ballot Deadline	Postmark Permitted?
9/27/18 (40)	NO	NO	Mail or Hand-deliver to county auditor	Any person may hand-deliver any amount of voted mail-ballots	11/5/18	YES; Accepted 3 days after election day

**MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING**

<b>Full Signature Verification</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Validation</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Curing</b>	<b>Multi-Vote Prevention</b>
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MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING			
YES <i>(NDCC § 16.1-07-12)</i>	Ballot affidavit signature compared with voter's signature on the absentee ballot application <i>(NDCC § 16.1-07-12)</i>	No Legally Mandated Process; Election officials do adhere to informal practice of notifying voters of any ballot envelope discrepancies before Election Day	Poll books identify all voters issued an absentee ballot; Received absentee ballots are compared with poll books post-election at which point any instances of multi-voting are turned over to ND legal counsel
V@H ELECTION LAWS		V@H VOTING RESOURCES	
The board of commissioners of a county may conduct any election by mail in which the county auditor mails an application form for a mail-ballot to each voter <i>(NDCC § 16.1-11.1-01)</i>		<b>Absentee Ballot Application</b> <b>Absentee Voting Process</b> <b>North Dakota Election Law</b>	

**OHIO**

MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION					
Eligibility	Permanent Mail-Ballot Option?	Applicable Elections	Application Methods	Distribution/Collection Rules	Photo ID?
No Excuse Required <i>(Ohio Rev Code § 3509.02)</i>	NO	One Election Per App	Mail or Hand-deliver to County Board of Elections	No restriction on who may distribute/collect/submit absentee ballot applications	NO
Witness/Notary?	Application Period (Start Date)	Mailed-Out Ballot Deadline	Final Deadline	Application Verification	Application Turnaround (business days)
NO	Open	11/3/18*	11/2/18	Applicant's eligibility to vote confirmed via voter registration record <i>(Ohio Rev Code § 3509.04)</i>	No Requirement

\*If making application request by mail it must be received by this date

MAIL-BALLOT VOTING						
Ballots Mailed-Out Date (days before election)	Witness/Notary?	Photo ID?	Mail-Ballot Return Methods	In Person Mail-Ballot Return	Mail-Ballot Deadline	Postmark Permitted?

**MAIL-BALLOT VOTING**

35	NO	NO	Mail or Hand-delive to County Board of Elections	Only a close relative of the voter may return their voted mail-ballot <i>(Ohio Rev Code § 3509.04)</i>	11/6/18	YES; Accepted 10 days after election day*
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\*Mail-ballot must be postmarked no later than the day before election day to count

**MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING**

Full Signature Verification	Mail-Ballot Validation	Mail-Ballot Curing	Multi-Vote Prevention
YES <i>(Ohio Rev Code § 3509.06)</i>	Ballot affidavit signature compared with voter’s signature in voter registration record <i>(Ohio Rev Code § 3509.06)</i>	Notice is mailed to voters whose ballots were rejected; voters have until the 7th day after the election to resolve issue <i>(Ohio Rev Code § 3509.06)</i>	Poll List or Signature Pollbook identifies voters who’ve requested absentee ballots; may elect to vote provisionally if absentee ballot has not been received by election day <i>(Ohio Rev Code § 3509.09)</i>

**V@H ELECTION LAWS**

No laws addressing by-mail elections

**V@H VOTING RESOURCES**

**Absentee Ballot Application**  
**Absentee Ballot Process**  
**Ohio Election Statutes**

**OKLAHOMA**

**MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION**

Eligibility	Permanent Mail-Ballot Option?	Applicable Elections	Application Methods	Distribution/Collection Rules	Photo ID?
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**MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION**

No Excuse <i>(26 OK Stat § 26-14-105)</i>	NO	All Calendar Year Elections	Mail, Hand-deliver, Email, or Fax to the County Election Board	Prohibited to deliver an absentee application for another voter unless they are an authorized agent of an incapacitated voter <i>(26 OK Stat § 26-14-110.1)</i>	NO
<b>Witness/Notary?</b>	<b>Application Period Start Date</b> (days before Election Day)	<b>Mailed-Out Ballot Deadline</b>	<b>Final Deadline</b>	<b>Application Verification</b>	<b>Application Turnaround</b> (business days)
NO	Open	10/31/18	10/31/18	Applicant's eligibility to vote confirmed via voter registration record <i>(26 OK Stat § 26-14-106)</i>	2 <i>(26 OK Stat § 26-14-118)</i>

**MAIL-BALLOT VOTING**

<b>Ballots Mailed-Out Date</b> (days before election)	<b>Witness/Notary?</b>	<b>Photo ID?</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Return Methods</b>	<b>In Person Mail-Ballot Return</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Deadline</b>	<b>Postmark Permitted?</b>
9/22/18 (45)	YES; Ballot affidavit must be signed in the presence of two witnesses or notary a public <i>(26 OK Stat § 26-14-113.2)</i>	NO	Mail or Hand-deliver to County Election Board	Only the voter may return their own voted absentee ballot in person; exceptions made for authorized agents of incapacitated voters <i>(26 OK Stat § 26-14-108)</i>	Hand-delivery: 11/5/18 Mail: 11/6/18	NO

**MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING**

<b>Full Signature Verification</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Validation</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Curing</b>	<b>Multi-Vote Prevention</b>
NO	Ballot affidavits examined for completion only, not verified <i>(26 OK Stat § 26-14-123)</i>	No Official Process; Voters are immediately notified if the affidavit is rejected <i>(26 OK Stat § 26-14-133)</i>	Precinct registry for all voters identifies all voters who've requested absentee ballots; <i>(26 OK Stat § 26-14-129)</i>

V@H ELECTION LAWS	V@H VOTING RESOURCES
No laws addressing by-mail elections	<b>Absentee Application</b> <b>Absentee Voting Process</b> <b>Oklahoma Election Laws</b>

**RHODE ISLAND**

**MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION**

Eligibility	Permanent Mail-Ballot Option?	Applicable Elections	Application Methods	Distribution/Collection Rules	Photo ID?
No Excuse Required <i>(RI Gen L § 17-20-2)</i>	NO	Each Individual Election	Mail or Hand-deliver to the local board of canvassers	Any person or third party may distribute to voters and collect and submit applications on behalf of voters	NO
Witness/Notary?	Application Period Start Date (days before Election Day)	Mailed-Out Ballot Deadline	Final Deadline	Application Verification	Application Turnaround (business days)
NO	Open	10/16/18	10/16/18	Application signature compared to voter's signature on voter registration record before issuing advance mail-ballot <i>(KSA § 25-1122(e))</i>	No Requirement

**MAIL-BALLOT VOTING**

Ballots Mailed-Out Date (days before election)	Witness/Notary?	Photo ID?	Mail-Ballot Return Methods	In Person Mail-Ballot Return	Mail-Ballot Deadline	Postmark Permitted?
9/22/18 (45)	YES; Ballot affidavit must be signed in the presence of a notary public or two witnesses <i>(RI Gen L § 17-20-2(1))</i>	NO	Mail or Hand-deliver to the local board of canvassers	Any person may hand-deliver any amount of absentee ballots	11/6/18	NO

<b>MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING</b>			
<b>Full Signature Verification</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Validation</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Curing</b>	<b>Multi-Vote Prevention</b>
YES	Ballot affidavit signature compared with absentee application signature <i>(RI Gen L § 17-2-26(c)(2))</i>	Board of Elections communicates any rejected ballots to the local board of canvassers who is responsible for notifying voters by mail, email or phone; voters have 7 days after election day to correct any affidavit deficiency	State mail-ballot report generated the night before election day updating electronic poll books for voters who've requested a mail-ballot and who are ineligible to vote at polls; A voter must surrender their mail-ballot if they desire to vote in person at polls <i>(RI Gen L § 17-20-29(a))</i>
<b>V@H ELECTION LAWS</b>		<b>V@H VOTING RESOURCES</b>	
No laws addressing by-mail elections		<b>Mail Ballot Application</b> <b>Mail Voting Process</b> <b>Rhode Island Election Laws</b>	

**SOUTH DAKOTA**

<b>MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION</b>					
<b>Eligibility</b>	<b>Permanent Mail-Ballot Option?</b>	<b>Applicable Elections</b>	<b>Application Methods</b>	<b>Distribution/Collection Rules</b>	<b>Photo ID?</b>
No Excuse Required <i>(SD Codified L § 12-19-1)</i>	NO	All Calendar Year Elections	Mail or Hand-deliver to county auditor's office	No restrictions on who may distribute/collect/solicit applications	YES; Copy of photo ID required if submitting un-notarized application
<b>Witness/Notary?</b>	<b>Application Period (Start Date)</b>	<b>Mailed-Out Ballot Deadline</b>	<b>Final Deadline</b>	<b>Application Verification</b>	<b>Application Turnaround (business days)</b>
YES; Notary public's signature required if not submitting copy of photo ID	Open	None; At voter's discretion	11/5/18	Applicant's eligibility to vote confirmed via voter registration record <i>(SD Codified L § 12-19-3)</i>	2 <i>(SD Codified L § 12-19-3)</i>

**MAIL-BALLOT VOTING**

<b>Ballots Mailed-Out Date</b> (days before election)	<b>Witness/Notary?</b>	<b>Photo ID?</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Return Methods</b>	<b>In Person Mail-Ballot Return</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Deadline</b>	<b>Postmark Permitted?</b>
9/21/18 (46)	NO	NO	Mail or Hand-deliver to county auditor's office	Anyone may hand-deliver any amount of voted mail-ballots	11/6/18	NO

**MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING**

<b>Full Signature Verification</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Validation</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Curing</b>	<b>Multi-Vote Prevention</b>
YES <i>(SD Codified L § 12-19-10.1)</i>	Ballot affidavit signature compared with voter's absentee mail-ballot application signature <i>(SD Codified L § 12-19-10.1)</i>	No Legally Mandated Process	Poll lists indicate a voter's absentee voting status and whether a mail-ballot was previously issued <i>(SD Codified L § 12-18-5)</i>

**V@H ELECTION LAWS**

No laws addressing by-mail elections

**V@H VOTING RESOURCES**

**South Dakota Absentee Ballot Application**  
**Absentee Voting Process**  
**South Dakota Codified Laws**

**VERMONT**

**MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION**

<b>Eligibility</b>	<b>Permanent Mail-Ballot Option?</b>	<b>Applicable Elections</b>	<b>Application Methods</b>	<b>Distribution/Collection Rules</b>	<b>Photo ID?</b>
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MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION					
No Excuse <i>(17 VSA § 2531)</i>	NO	All Calendar Year Elections	Mail, Hand-deliver, request by Phone, or apply Online to the town clerk's office	Only a voter's family member or authorized agent may make application on the voter's behalf <i>(17 VSA § 2532)</i>	NO
<b>Witness/Notary?</b>	<b>Application Period Start Date</b> (days before Election Day)	<b>Mailed-Out Ballot Deadline</b>	<b>Final Deadline</b>	<b>Application Verification</b>	<b>Application Turnaround</b> (business days)
NO	Open	None; At voter's discretion	11/5/18	None	No Requirement

MAIL-BALLOT VOTING						
<b>Ballots Mailed-Out Date</b> (days before election)	<b>Witness/Notary?</b>	<b>Photo ID?</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Return Methods</b>	<b>In Person Mail-Ballot Return</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Deadline</b>	<b>Postmark Permitted?</b>
9/22/18 (45)	NO	NO	Mail or Hand-deliver to town clerk's office; drop-off at local Polling Place	Any person may return any number of ballots in person	11/6/18	NO

MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING			
<b>Full Signature Verification</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Validation</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Curing</b>	<b>Multi-Vote Prevention</b>
NO <i>(17 VSA § 2546)</i>	Ballot affidavit examined for signature completion only <i>(17 VSA § 2546)</i>	No Official Process	Statewide absentee voter list of all absentee voter requests made available via state Election Management System <i>(17 VSA § 2534)</i> ; Upon ballot receipt, poll entrance checklist marked to indicate voter voted absentee <i>(17 VSA § 2546)</i>

V@H ELECTION LAWS	V@H VOTING RESOURCES
No laws addressing by-mail elections	<p><b>Absentee Application</b></p> <p><b>Absentee Voting Process</b></p> <p><b>Vermont Election Laws</b></p>



MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION					
Eligibility	Permanent Mail-Ballot Option?	Applicable Elections	Application Methods	Distribution/Collection Rules	Photo ID?
No Excuse Required <i>(WY Stat § 22-9-102)</i>	NO	All Calendar Year Elections	Mail, Hand-deliver, or Phone request to County Clerk <i>(WY Stat § 22-9-104)</i>	No restrictions	NO
Witness/Notary?	Application Period (Start Date)	Mailed-Out Ballot Deadline	Final Deadline	Application Verification	Application Turnaround (business days)
NO	Open	None; At voter's discretion	11/5/18	Applicant's eligibility to vote confirmed via voter registration record <i>(WY Stat § 22-9-106)</i>	1-2

**MAIL-BALLOT VOTING**

Ballots Mailed-Out Date (days before election)	Witness/Notary?	Photo ID?	Mail-Ballot Return Methods	In Person Mail-Ballot Return	Mail-Ballot Deadline	Postmark Permitted?
45	NO	NO	Mail and Hand-deliver to County Clerk	Any person may deliver an absentee ballot in person on behalf of another voter; no restriction on how many ballots may be delivered at a time	11/6/18	NO

**MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING**

Full Signature Verification	Mail-Ballot Validation	Mail-Ballot Curing	Multi-Vote Prevention
NO	Absentee ballot affidavit signature examined to determine if it is legally sufficient <i>(WY Stat § 22-9-121)</i>	No Official Process; Rejected ballots are unopened and with rejection reason written on envelope cover. Rejected ballots are returned to the county clerk and retained <i>(WY Stat § 22-9-121)</i>	Absentee voter lists delivered to precinct polling places along with received absentee ballots on election day. Absentee voters are prohibited from voting at their local polling place if they've received an absentee ballot. <i>(WY Stat § 22-9-116)</i>

<b>V@H ELECTION LAWS</b>	<b>V@H VOTING RESOURCES</b>
<p>Any local election held in a special district, except those held during regularly scheduled primary, general or statewide special elections, may conduct elections by mail <i>(Wyo. Stat. 22-29-115)</i></p>	<p><b>Absentee Ballot Application:</b> No statewide application; Contact County Clerk <b>Absentee Voting Process</b> <b>Wyoming Election Statutes</b></p>

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**EXCUSE REQUIRED (AGE EXCEPTED) STATES**

**INDIANA**

MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION						
<b>Eligibility</b>	<b>Permanent Mail-Ballot Option?</b>	<b>Applicable Elections</b>	<b>Application Methods</b>	<b>Distribution/Collection Rules</b>	<b>Photo ID?</b>	
Excuse Required (Age 65+) <i>(IN Code § 3-11-10-24)</i>	NO	Each Individual Election	Mail, Hand-deliver, Email, or Fax to county election board or Indiana state Election Division <i>(IN Code § 3-11-4-3)</i>	A person handling another voter's absentee application must indicate the date received by voter and deliver to county election board within 10 days <i>(IN Code § 3-11-4-2)</i>	NO	
<b>Witness/Notary?</b>	<b>Application Period Start Date</b> (days before Election Day)	<b>Mailed-Out Ballot Deadline</b>	<b>Final Deadline</b>	<b>Application Verification</b>	<b>Application Turnaround</b> (business days)	
NO	Open	10/29/18	10/29/18	Application signature checked against signature on voter registration record <i>(IN Code § 3-11-4-17.5)</i>	1 <i>(IN Code § 3-11-4-18)</i>	
MAIL-BALLOT VOTING						
<b>Ballots Mailed-Out Date</b> (days before election)	<b>Witness/Notary?</b>	<b>Photo ID?</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Return Methods</b>	<b>In Person Mail-Ballot Return</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Deadline</b>	<b>Postmark Permitted?</b>
9/22/18 (45)	NO	NO	Mail or Hand-deliver to county election board	Only a member of the voter's household or designated attorney may deliver another voter's voted ballot <i>(IN Code § 3-11-10-1)</i>	11/6/18	NO
MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING						
<b>Full Signature Verification</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Validation</b>		<b>Mail-Ballot Curing</b>		<b>Multi-Vote Prevention</b>	

MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING			
YES	Ballot affidavit signature compared with voter's signature on the absentee ballot application and voter registration record <i>(IN Code § 3-11-10-4)</i>	No Legally Mandated Process	Precinct polling place poll books identify absentee voters; received ballots are marked in poll book and voters unable to vote, except provisionally; absentee ballots rejected if voted in person <i>(IN Code § 3-11-10-16)</i>
V@H ELECTION LAWS		V@H VOTING RESOURCES	
No laws addressing by-mail elections		<b>Absentee Application &amp; Process</b> <b>Indiana Election Statutes</b>	

**KENTUCKY**

MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION					
<b>Eligibility</b>	<b>Permanent Mail-Ballot Option?</b>	<b>Applicable Elections</b>	<b>Application Methods</b>	<b>Distribution/Collection Rules</b>	<b>Photo ID?</b>

**MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION**

Excuse Required (Age 65+) (KRS § 117.075)	NO	Each Individual Election	Mail, Hand-deliver, request by Phone, or apply Online to the County Clerk's office	Only the voter may hand-deliver a completed application; No spouse, parent, children or third party may hand-deliver a completed application (KRS § 117.075)	NO
<b>Witness/Notary?</b>	<b>Application Period Start Date</b> (days before Election Day)	<b>Mailed-Out Ballot Deadline</b>	<b>Final Deadline</b>	<b>Application Verification</b>	<b>Application Turnaround</b> (business days)
NO	7/30/18 (99)	10/30/18	10/30/18	Applicant's absentee ballot qualification and voting eligibility verified before a ballot is issued (KRS § 117.085)	3 (KRS § 117.075)

**MAIL-BALLOT VOTING**

<b>Ballots Mailed-Out Date</b> (days before election)	<b>Witness/Notary?</b>	<b>Photo ID?</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Return Methods</b>	<b>In Person Mail-Ballot Return</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Deadline</b>	<b>Postmark Permitted?</b>
9/17/18 (50)	NO	NO	Must be Mailed to the County Clerk's office; Hand-delivered ballots not accepted (KRS § 117.086(1)); A voter who knows at least 7 days before election day they will be in his/her county of residence, is required to vote in person (KRS § 117.085(7))	In person mail-ballot return prohibited	11/6/18	NO

**MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING**

<b>Full Signature Verification</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Validation</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Curing</b>	<b>Multi-Vote Prevention</b>
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MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING			
YES (KRS § 117.087(3))	Ballot affidavit signature compared with the voter's signatures on voter registration record (KRS § 117.087(3))	No Official Process; unsigned ballot envelopes are rejected and voters are not notified	Precinct voting rosters marked for absentee voters who've requested a mail-ballot; voters
V@H ELECTION LAWS		V@H VOTING RESOURCES	
No laws addressing by-mail elections		<b>Absentee Application:</b> No statewide application; Contact County Clerk <b>Absentee Voting Process</b> <b>Kentucky Election Laws</b>	

**LOUISIANA**

MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION					
Eligibility	Permanent Mail-Ballot Option?	Applicable Elections	Application Methods	Distribution/Collection Rules	Photo ID?
Excuse Required (Age 65+) (LAS-RS § 18:1303)	YES; Voters who meet certain criteria (eg. physical disability or long-term illness) may opt for permanent status	Primary/General Elections	Mail, Hand-deliver, Email, Fax, or apply Online to the parish Registrar of Voters	No person, except the immediate family of any voter, shall hand deliver more than one voter's application to vote by mail (LAS-RS § 18:1307B)	NO
Witness/Notary?	Application Period Start Date (days before Election Day)	Mailed-Out Ballot Deadline	Final Deadline	Application Verification	Application Turnaround (business days)
NO	Open	11/2/18	11/2/18	Application signature compared with signature on voter's registration file	1

**MAIL-BALLOT VOTING**

<b>Ballots Mailed-Out Date</b> (days before election)	<b>Witness/Notary?</b>	<b>Photo ID?</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Return Methods</b>	<b>In Person Mail-Ballot Return</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Deadline</b>	<b>Postmark Permitted?</b>
9/22/18 (45)	YES; Ballot affidavit must be signed in the presence of a witness <i>(LAS-RS § 18:1307E)</i>	NO	Mail, Hand-deliver, or Fax to the parish registrar of voters	A person may deliver another voter’s ballot, but must sign a statement attesting to their authorization by the voter to do so; No person except a voter’s immediate family may deliver more than one marked ballot <i>(LAS-RS § 18:1308B)</i>	11/5/18	NO

**MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING**

<b>Full Signature Verification</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Validation</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Curing</b>	<b>Multi-Vote Prevention</b>
NO	Signed name on ballot affidavit compared with the names on the registrar’s list of absentee voters <i>(LAS-RS § 18:1313F)</i>	No Official Process	Precinct absentee voter lists prepared on election day and flagged on poll books; absentee voters may vote in person at the precinct, but if a mail ballot was already received, the in person vote will be rejected by the registrar before final ballots are sent to the board of election supervisors; only one marked ballot will be opened and counted <i>(LAS-RS § 18:1311D)</i>

**V@H ELECTION LAWS**

**V@H VOTING RESOURCES**

No laws addressing by-mail elections	<p><b>Mail Ballot Application</b></p> <p><b>Mail Voting Process</b></p> <p><b>Louisiana Election Laws</b></p>
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**MISSISSIPPI**

MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION						
Eligibility	Permanent Mail-Ballot Option?	Applicable Elections	Application Methods	Distribution/Collection Rules	Photo ID?	
Excuse Required (Age 65+) ( <i>MS Code Ann. § 23-15-627</i> )	YES; Voters meeting certain criteria (eg. physical disability or long-term illness) may opt for permanent status ( <i>MS Code § 23-15-629</i> )	Each Individual Election	Mail, Hand-deliver, or request by Phone to the Circuit or Municipal Clerk's office	Any person may apply for an absentee ballot on another voter's behalf, but they must sign and print their name and address on the application ( <i>MS Code § 23-15-625</i> ); only immediate family members of a voter may make application orally in person; only the official application form of the registrar may be distributed ( <i>MS Code § 23-15-627</i> )	NO	
Witness/Notary?	Application Period Start Date (days before Election Day)	Mailed-Out Ballot Deadline	Final Deadline	Application Verification	Application Turnaround (business days)	
YES; The application must be notarized, or if the voter is temporarily or permanently disabled, only the signature of a witness 18 years or older is required	9/7/18 (60)	NONE; At voter's discretion	NONE; At voter's discretion	NONE	No Requirement	
MAIL-BALLOT VOTING						
Ballots Mailed-Out Date (days before election)	Witness/Notary?	Photo ID?	Mail-Ballot Return Methods	In Person Mail-Ballot Return	Mail-Ballot Deadline	Postmark Permitted?



**MAIL-BALLOT VOTING**

9/27/18 (40)	YES; Ballot must be notarized at voter’s county registrar, except if the voter is temporarily or permanently disabled, only the signature of a witness 18 years or older is required	NO	Absentee ballots must be received by mail by the county registrar <i>(MS Code § 23-15-637)</i>	In person absentee ballot return prohibited <i>(Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-735)</i>	In person: 11/3/18 Mail: 11/5/18	NO
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**MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING**

Full Signature Verification	Mail-Ballot Validation	Mail-Ballot Curing	Multi-Vote Prevention
YES <i>(MS Code §23-15-639)</i>	Ballot affidavit signature compared with absentee application signature <i>(MS Code §23-15-639)</i>	No Official Curing Process; Rejected ballots are not counted, and the voter is notified immediately of rejection <i>(MS Code § 23-15-641)</i>	At close of polls, precinct election managers verify an absentee voter did not also vote in person at the polls before accepting the absentee ballot <i>(MS Code §23-15-639)</i>

**V@H ELECTION LAWS**

**V@H VOTING RESOURCES**

No laws addressing by-mail elections	<p><b>Absentee Voting Application</b></p> <p><b>Absentee Voting Process</b></p> <p><b>Mississippi Election Laws</b></p>
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**TENNESEE**

**MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION**

Eligibility	Permanent Mail-Ballot Option?	Applicable Elections	Application Methods	Distribution/Collection Rules	Photo ID?
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**MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION**

Excuse Required (Age 60+) <i>(Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-6-201)</i>	YES; Voters who meet certain criteria (eg. physical disability or long-term illness), and provide physician certification, may opt for permanent status	Each Individual Election	Mail, Hand-deliver, Email, or Fax to the County Election Commission	Only one application may be furnished to a voter by the election commission; it is a Class E felony to give an application to any person; a Class A misdemeanor to give an unsolicited request for application to any person <i>(Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-6-202)</i>	NO
<b>Witness/Notary?</b>	<b>Application Period Start Date</b> (days before Election Day)	<b>Mailed-Out Ballot Deadline</b>	<b>Final Deadline</b>	<b>Application Verification</b>	<b>Application Turnaround</b> (business days)
NO	8/8/18 (90)	10/30/18	10/30/18	Application signature compared to voter's signature on voter registration record before issuing mail-ballot <i>(MA Gen L ch 54 § 91)</i>	1

**MAIL-BALLOT VOTING**

<b>Ballots Mailed-Out Date</b> (days before election)	<b>Witness/Notary?</b>	<b>Photo ID?</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Return Methods</b>	<b>In Person Mail-Ballot Return</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Deadline</b>	<b>Postmark Permitted?</b>
9/22/18 (45)	NO	NO	Must be Mailed to the County Election Commission's office; Hand-delivered ballots not accepted <i>(Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-6-202)</i>	In person mail-ballot return prohibited	11/6/18	NO

**MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING**

<b>Full Signature Verification</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Validation</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Curing</b>	<b>Multi-Vote Prevention</b>
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**MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING**

<p>YES (Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-6-202)</p>	<p>Ballot affidavit signature compared with the voter’s signatures on the absentee ballot application and voter registration record (Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-6-202)</p>	<p>No Official Process; Rejected ballot envelopes are not counted, and the voter is immediately notified (Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-6-204)</p>	<p>Absentee voter list furnished to each precinct by election commission on election day and voter records in voter registration system marked for absentee ballot receipt (Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-6-301)</p>
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**V@H ELECTION LAWS**

**V@H VOTING RESOURCES**

<p>No laws addressing by-mail elections</p>	<p><b>Absentee Application</b> <b>Absentee Voting Process</b> <b>Tennessee Election Laws</b></p>
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**TEXAS**

**MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION**

Eligibility	Permanent Mail-Ballot Option?	Applicable Elections	Application Methods	Distribution/Collection Rules	Photo ID?
<p>Excuse Required (Age 65+) (TEX ELEC § 82.003)</p>	<p>NO</p>	<p>All Calendar Year Elections</p>	<p>Mail, Hand-deliver, Email, or Fax to the county early voting clerk</p>	<p>No restrictions</p>	<p>NO</p>
Witness/Notary?	Application Period Start Date (days before Election Day)	Mailed-Out Ballot Deadline	Final Deadline	Application Verification	Application Turnaround (business days)
<p>NO</p>	<p>Open</p>	<p>10/26/18</p>	<p>10/26/18</p>	<p>Applicant’s early voting qualifications reviewed and voting eligibility verified (TX ELEC § 86.001)</p>	<p>7</p>

**MAIL-BALLOT VOTING**

<b>Ballots Mailed-Out Date</b> (days before election)	<b>Witness/ Notary?</b>	<b>Photo ID?</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Return Methods</b>	<b>In Person Mail-Ballot Return</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Deadline</b>	<b>Postmark Permitted?</b>
9/22/18 (45)	NO	NO	Mail or Hand-deliver to the county early voting clerk	Early voting ballots may only be returned in person by the voter who voted the ballot <i>(TX ELEC § 86.006)</i>	11/6/18	YES; Accepted 5 days after election day <i>(TX ELEC § 86.007)</i>

**MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING**

<b>Full Signature Verification</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Validation</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Curing</b>	<b>Double-Vote' Prevention</b>
YES <i>(TX ELEC § 87.041)</i>	Ballot affidavit signature compared to signature on early voting application; further comparison may be made with any signature on file at the county clerk or voter registrar <i>(TX ELEC § 87.041)</i>	No Official Process; Rejected ballots are marked rejected on the envelope cover with written reason for rejection. Written notice of reason for rejection must be made to the voter not later than 10 days after election day <i>(TX ELEC § 87.0431)</i>	Precinct early voting list prepared by the county clerk and shared with precinct election officials the day before the election; early voters prohibited from voting at precinct polling place <i>(TX ELEC § 87.122)</i>

**V@H ELECTION LAWS**

**V@H VOTING RESOURCES**

No laws addressing by-mail elections	<p><b>Mail Ballot Application</b></p> <p><b>Early Voting Process</b></p> <p><b>Texas Election Statutes</b></p>
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**SOUTH CAROLINA**

MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION						
Eligibility	Permanent Mail-Ballot Option?	Applicable Elections	Application Methods	Distribution/Collection Rules	Photo ID?	
Excuse Required (Age 65+) (S.C. Code § 7-15-320)	NO	Each Individual Election	Mail, Hand-deliver, Email, Fax, or apply Online to the county board of voter registration and elections	Only immediate family may submit application on behalf of a voter; a voter must request an application to receive one; no third party distribution allowed	NO	
Witness/Notary?	Application Period Start Date (days before Election Day)	Mailed-Out Ballot Deadline	Final Deadline	Application Verification	Application Turnaround (business days)	
NO	Open	11/2/18	11/5/18	Application signature compared to signature on voter registration file	1	
MAIL-BALLOT VOTING						
Ballots Mailed-Out Date (days before election)	Witness/Notary?	Photo ID?	Mail-Ballot Return Methods	In Person Mail-Ballot Return	Mail-Ballot Deadline	Postmark Permitted?
10/7/18 (30)	YES; Ballot affidavit must be signed in the presence of a witness (S.C. Code § 7-15-380)	NO	Mail or Hand-deliver to the county board of voter registration and elections	In person delivery of ballot must either be by the voter or another person authorized by the voter; an authorization form prescribed by the State Election Commission must be completed and submitted with the ballot (S.C. Code § 7-15-385)	11/6/18	NO

**MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING**

<b>Full Signature Verification</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Validation</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Curing</b>	<b>Double-Vote' Prevention</b>
YES	Ballot affidavit signature compared to absentee application signature; return-envelope examined for witness signature as well as witness address information <i>(S.C. Code § 7-15-420)</i>	No Official Curing Process	Precinct voter registration lists indicate when a voter's absentee ballot was received or an absentee ballot was issued; no voter is allowed to vote in person at the polling place unless they furnish proof from the board of registration and elections the ballot was returned unmarked <i>(S.C. Code § 7-15-430)</i>

**V@H ELECTION LAWS**

**V@H VOTING RESOURCES**

No laws addressing by-mail elections	<p><b>Absentee Voting Application:</b>                      No physical statewide application, only online statewide request form; Contact County Board of Registration and Elections</p> <p><b>Absentee Voting Process</b></p> <p><b>South Carolina Election Laws</b></p>
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**EXCUSE REQUIRED STATES**

**ALABAMA**

<b>MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION</b>					
<b>Eligibility</b>	<b>Permanent Mail-Ballot Option?</b>	<b>Applicable Elections</b>	<b>Application Methods</b>	<b>Distribution/Collection Rules</b>	<b>Photo ID?</b>
Excuse Required <i>(AL Code § 17-11-3)</i>	NO	Each Individual Election	Mail or Hand-deliver to the Absentee Election Manager (Circuit Clerk)	Only the voter may deliver their own application in person; no restrictions on who may distribute application	NO
<b>Witness/Notary?</b>	<b>Application Period Start Date</b> (days before Election Day)	<b>Mailed-Out Ballot Deadline</b>	<b>Final Deadline</b>	<b>Application Verification</b>	<b>Application Turnaround</b> (business days)
NO	OPEN	11/1/18	11/1/18	Applicant's eligibility to vote confirmed via voter registration record <i>(AL Code § 17-11-5a)</i>	1 <i>(AL Code § 17-11-5a)</i>

<b>MAIL-BALLOT VOTING</b>						
<b>Ballots Mailed-Out Date</b> (days before election)	<b>Witness/Notary?</b>	<b>Photo ID?</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Return Methods</b>	<b>In Person Mail-Ballot Return</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Deadline</b>	<b>Postmark Permitted?</b>
9/22/18 (45)	YES; Ballot affidavit signature must be witnessed by a notary public or two persons 18 years or older <i>(AL Code § 17-11-7b)</i>	YES; Absentee voters must submit along with their ballot a copy of an approved form of photo identification <i>(AL Code § 17-9-30)</i>	Mail or Hand-deliver to the Absentee Election Manager (Circuit Clerk)	Only the absentee voter may return their own absentee ballot <i>(AL Code § 17-11-9)</i>	11/5/18	YES; Accepted until noon on election day if postmarked by the day before election day

**MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING**

Full Signature Verification	Mail-Ballot Validation	Mail-Ballot Curing	Multi-Vote Prevention
NO	Ballot affidavit envelope examined for witness signatures only (AL Code § 17-11-10b)	No Official Curing Process; Ballots are rejected if the affidavit signature isn't witnessed properly and not counted (AL Code §17-11-10b)	Absentee voter list provided to every county polling place identifying voters who've applied for absentee ballots; absentee voters may not vote in person, but may vote a provisional ballot (AL Code § 17-11-5c)

**V@H ELECTION LAWS**

No laws addressing by-mail elections

**V@H VOTING RESOURCES**

**Absentee Voting Application**  
**Absentee Voting Process**  
**Alabama Election Laws**

**ARKANSAS**

**MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION**

Eligibility	Permanent Mail-Ballot Option?	Applicable Elections	Application Methods	Distribution/Collection Rules	Photo ID?
Excuse Required (AR Code § 7-5-402)	NO	Each Individual Election*	Mail, Hand-deliver, Email, Fax, or apply Online to County Clerk's office	Only a designated bearer, authorized agent or long-term care facility administrator of a voter may deliver absentee applications in person on behalf of voters (AR Code § 7-5-404)	NO
Witness/Notary?	Application Period Start Date (days before Election Day)	Mailed-Out Ballot Deadline	Final Deadline	Application Verification	Application Turnaround (business days)



**MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION**

NO	9/7/18 (60)	10/30/18	11/5/18	Application information and signature compared to voter's signature/ information on voter registration record <i>(AR Code § 7-5-404)</i>	No Requirement
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\*Disabled and/or long-term care voters permitted to apply for and receive absentee ballots for all calendar year elections using one application; all other absentee voters must reapply for absentee status per each new election

**MAIL-BALLOT VOTING**

Ballots Mailed-Out Date (days before election)	Witness/ Notary?	Photo ID?	Mail-Ballot Return Methods	In Person Mail-Ballot Return	Mail-Ballot Deadline	Postmark Permitted?
9/21/18 (46)	NO	NO	Mail or Hand-deliver to County Clerk's office	Only a designated bearer, authorized agent, or administrator or a voter may deliver the voted ballot of another voter; designated bearers limited to 2 ballots <i>(AR Code § 7-5-411)</i>	Hand-delivery: 11/5/18 By-mail: 11/6/18	NO

**MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING**

Full Signature Verification	Mail-Ballot Validation	Mail-Ballot Curing	Multi-Vote Prevention
YES <i>(AR Code § 7-5-416)</i>	Ballot affidavit signature and voter information compared with voter's signatures and information contained on absentee ballot application and voter registration record <i>(AR Code § 7-5-416)</i>	No Legally Mandated Process; Processing absentee ballots to commence not earlier than Election Day; if ballot is missing and/or contains mismatching information, it's rejected and not counted <i>(AR Code § 7-5-416)</i>	Polling places possess list of absentee voters who've requested ballots; absentee status updated in electronic voter registration system; absentee voters must vote provisional ballot at polling place <i>(AR Code § 7-5-416)</i>

**V@H ELECTION LAWS**

**V@H VOTING RESOURCES**

No laws addressing by-mail elections	<p><b>Absentee Ballot Application</b></p> <p><b>Absentee Voting Process</b></p> <p><b>Arkansas Election Laws</b></p>
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**CONNECTICUT**

<b>MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION</b>					
<b>Eligibility</b>	<b>Permanent Mail-Ballot Option?</b>	<b>Applicable Elections</b>	<b>Application Methods</b>	<b>Distribution/Collection Rules</b>	<b>Photo ID?</b>
Excuse Required <i>(CT Gen Stat § 9-135)</i>	YES; Voters who meet certain criteria (eg. physically disabled) may opt for permanent status <i>(CT Gen Stat § 9-140e)</i>	Each Individual Election	Mail, Hand-deliver, Email, or Fax to local Municipal Clerk*	Third parties must register with town clerk before distributing 5 or more applications; Unsolicited application mailings must meet certain criteria <i>(CT Gen Stat § 9-140)</i>	NO
<b>Witness/Notary?</b>	<b>Application Period (Start Date)</b>	<b>Mailed-Out Ballot Deadline</b>	<b>Final Deadline</b>	<b>Application Verification</b>	<b>Application Turnaround (business days)</b>
NO	Open	None; At voter's discretion	None; At voter's discretion	Applicant's eligibility to vote confirmed via voter registration record <i>(CT Gen Stat § 9-140)</i>	No Requirement

\*If faxing or emailing application, the original application form must be received by close of polls on election day or the mail-ballot will not count

<b>MAIL-BALLOT VOTING</b>						
<b>Ballots Mailed-Out Date (days before election)</b>	<b>Witness/Notary?</b>	<b>Photo ID?</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Return Methods</b>	<b>In Person Mail-Ballot Return</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Deadline</b>	<b>Postmark Permitted?</b>
31	NO	NO	Mail or Hand-deliver to local municipal clerk	Only a voter's designee or immediate family member may return voted mail-ballots in person	Varies**	NO

\*\*If submitting ballot in person, it is due to municipal/town clerk by the day before an election. Mailed ballots must be received by the municipal/town clerk no later than 8:00 p.m. on election day.

MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING			
Full Signature Verification	Mail-Ballot Validation	Mail-Ballot Curing	Multi-Vote Prevention
NO	No signature check conducted for absentee ballots; names on ballot checked off list of absentee voters once received <i>(CT Gen Stat § 9-140c)</i>	No Legally Mandated Process	Pollbook identifies all voters who've already requested and/or returned absentee ballots
V@H ELECTION LAWS		V@H VOTING RESOURCES	
No laws addressing by-mail elections		<b>Absentee Ballot Application</b> <b>Absentee Voting Process</b> <b>Connecticut Election Statutes</b>	

**DELAWARE**

MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION					
Eligibility	Permanent Mail-Ballot Option?	Applicable Elections	Application Methods	Distribution/Collection Rules	Photo ID?
Excuse Required <i>(15 DE Code § 5502)</i>	YES; Voters who meet certain criteria (eg. physical disability or long-term illness) may opt for permanent status <i>(15 DE Code § 5503)</i>	All Calendar Year Elections	Mail, Hand-deliver, Email, Fax, or apply Online to county Department of Elections	No restrictions on who may distribute/collect/solicit applications	NO
Witness/Notary?	Application Period Start Date (days before Election Day)	Mailed-Out Ballot Deadline	Final Deadline	Application Verification	Application Turnaround (business days)
NO	Open	11/2/18	11/5/18	Applicant's eligibility to vote confirmed via voter registration record <i>(15 DE Code § 5504)</i>	No Requirement

**MAIL-BALLOT VOTING**

<b>Ballots Mailed-Out Date</b> (days before election)	<b>Witness/Notary?</b>	<b>Photo ID?</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Return Methods</b>	<b>In Person Mail-Ballot Return</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Deadline</b>	<b>Postmark Permitted?</b>
9/22/18 (45)	NO	NO	Mail or Hand-deliver to county Department of Elections	Any person may hand-deliver any amount of voted mail-ballots	11/6/18	NO

**MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING**

<b>Full Signature Verification</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Validation</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Curing</b>	<b>Multi-Vote Prevention</b>
YES	Ballot voucher codes used to match issued ballot code with ballot receipt; ballot affidavit signatures compared to absentee application signature	No Legally Mandated Process	Polling place lists indicate absentee voter status and whether a ballot was received already

**V@H ELECTION LAWS**

**V@H VOTING RESOURCES**

No laws addressing by-mail elections	<p><b>Absentee Ballot Request Form</b></p> <p><b>Absentee Voting Process</b></p> <p><b>Delaware Election Code</b></p>
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**MASSACHUSETTS**

**MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION**

<b>Eligibility</b>	<b>Permanent Mail-Ballot Option?</b>	<b>Applicable Elections</b>	<b>Application Methods</b>	<b>Distribution/Collection Rules</b>	<b>Photo ID?</b>
Excuse Required (MA Gen L ch 54 § 86)	NO*	All Calendar Year Elections	Mail, Hand-deliver, Email, or Fax to city/town clerk or registrar of voters (MA Gen L ch 54 § 89)	Family members of eligible absentee voters may apply for an absentee ballot on the voter's behalf in person or by mail (MA Gen L ch 54 § 89)	NO

**MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION**

<b>Witness/Notary?</b>	<b>Application Period Start Date</b> (days before Election Day)	<b>Mailed-Out Ballot Deadline</b>	<b>Final Deadline</b>	<b>Application Verification</b>	<b>Application Processing Turnaround</b> (business days)
NO	Open	None; At voter's discretion	11/5/18	Application signature checked against signature on voter registration record <i>(MA Gen L ch 54 § 91)</i>	No Requirement

\*Physically disabled voters, with a physician's certification, may be placed on a permanent absentee application list and be mailed an application 28 days before each election

**MAIL-BALLOT VOTING**

<b>Ballots Mailed-Out Date</b> (days before election)	<b>Witness/Notary?</b>	<b>Photo ID?</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Return Methods</b>	<b>In Person Mail-Ballot Return</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Deadline</b>	<b>Postmark Permitted?</b>
10/16/18 (21)	NO	NO	Mail or Hand-deliver to city/ town clerk	May be returned by the voter or a family member of voter <i>(MA Gen L ch 54 § 92)</i>	11/6/18	NO

**MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING**

<b>Full Signature Verification</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Validation</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Curing</b>	<b>Multi-Vote Prevention</b>
YES <i>(MA Gen L ch 54 § 94)</i>	Ballot affidavit signature checked against the voter's signature on the absentee ballot application <i>(MA Gen L ch 54 § 94)</i>	Prior to Election Day, the voter is notified and, if sufficient time allows, sent a new ballot if an affidavit signature is absent or the ballot is rejected for other reasons <i>(MA Gen L ch 54 § 94)</i>	All ballots counted at voter's polling place; before an in person ballot is accepted it is checked against an absentee list confirming the vote <i>(MA Gen L ch 54 § 95)</i>

**V@H ELECTION LAWS**

**V@H VOTING RESOURCES**

No laws addressing by-mail elections

**Absentee Ballot Request Form**  
**Absentee Voting Process**  
**Massachusetts Election Law**

**MISSOURI**

<b>MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION</b>					
<b>Eligibility</b>	<b>Permanent Mail-Ballot Option?</b>	<b>Applicable Elections</b>	<b>Application Methods</b>	<b>Distribution/Collection Rules</b>	<b>Photo ID?</b>
Excuse Required <i>(MO Rev Stat § 115.277)</i>	NO*	Each Individual Election	Mail, Hand-deliver, Email, or Fax to the local election authority	Application delivery may only be made in person by the voter or their guardian or a relative in the second degree by consanguinity or affinity <i>(MO Rev Stat § 115.279)</i>	NO
<b>Witness/Notary?</b>	<b>Application Period Start Date</b> (days before Election Day)	<b>Mailed-Out Ballot Deadline</b>	<b>Final Deadline</b>	<b>Application Verification</b>	<b>Application Turnaround</b> (business days)
NO	Open	10/31/18	11/5/18	Applicant's absentee qualifications reviewed and voting eligibility verified <i>(MO Rev Stat § 115.287)</i>	3

\*Permanently disabled voters may be placed on a permanent absentee application list and be mailed an application not earlier than 10 weeks nor 4 days before each election

<b>MAIL-BALLOT VOTING</b>						
<b>Ballots Mailed-Out Date</b> (days before election)	<b>Witness/Notary?</b>	<b>Photo ID?</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Return Methods</b>	<b>In Person Mail-Ballot Return</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Deadline</b>	<b>Postmark Permitted?</b>

**MAIL-BALLOT VOTING**

9/25/18 (42)	YES; Ballot affidavit must be subscribed and sworn to before an election official receiving the ballot, a notary public or other officer authorized to administer oaths unless voter is incapacitated, ill, or physically disabled	NO	Mail or Hand-deliver to the local election authority	Ballot must be returned in person by the voter or a relative of the voter in the second degree of sanguinity or affinity <i>(MO Rev Stat § 115.291)</i>	11/6/18	NO
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**MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING**

<b>Full Signature Verification</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Validation</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Curing</b>	<b>Double-Vote' Prevention</b>
NO	Ballot affidavit envelope examined for signature completion and statement of reason for voting absentee <i>(MO Rev Stat § 115.294-95)</i>	No Official Process; Rejected ballots left unopened and stored by the election authority in a separate container from other absentee ballots <i>(MO Rev Stat § 115.295)</i>	County election authority marks each precinct register list for absentee voters before delivery to precinct polling places; Absentee voters prohibited from voting at precinct polling place; If multi-voting does occur, the election authority must notify the ballot verification board <i>(MO Rev Stat § 115.297)</i>

**V@H ELECTION LAWS**

**V@H VOTING RESOURCES**

An election authority may conduct an all-mail election by request and approval of the Secretary of State so long as the election is nonpartisan, doesn't involve the election or recall of a candidate, and is an issue election of which the voters residing in the political subdivision making the request are the only voters eligible to vote <i>(MO Rev Stat § 115.652)</i>	<p><b>Absentee Application</b></p> <p><b>Absentee Voting Process</b></p> <p><b>Missouri Election Laws</b></p>
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**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION					
Eligibility	Permanent Mail-Ballot Option?	Applicable Elections	Application Methods	Distribution/Collection Rules	Photo ID?
Excuse Required ( <i>NH RSA § 657:1</i> )	NO	Each Individual Election	Mail, Hand-deliver, Email, or Fax to the city/town clerk's office	Third parties may distribute and collect absentee applications so long as they use the prescribed form and identify themselves in communication with voters ( <i>NH RSA § 657:4</i> )	NO
Witness/Notary?	Application Period Start Date (days before Election Day)	Mailed-Out Ballot Deadline	Final Deadline	Application Verification	Application Turnaround (business days)
NO	Open	None; At voter's discretion	11/5/18	Applicant's voting eligibility verified against voter registration system before a ballot is issued ( <i>KRS § 117.085</i> )	No Requirement

MAIL-BALLOT VOTING						
Ballots Mailed-Out Date (days before election)	Witness/Notary?	Photo ID?	Mail-Ballot Return Methods	In Person Mail-Ballot Return	Mail-Ballot Deadline	Postmark Permitted?
10/7/18 (30)	NO	NO	Mail or Hand-deliver to city/town clerk's office; drop-off at local Polling Place	Only a voter's immediate family member may deliver the their ballot in person ( <i>NH RSA § 657:17</i> )	11/6/18	NO

MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING			
Full Signature Verification	Mail-Ballot Validation	Mail-Ballot Curing	Multi-Vote Prevention



MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING			
YES <i>(NH RSA § 659:49-52)</i>	Ballot affidavit signature compared with signature on absentee application <i>(NH RSA § 659:49-52)</i>	No Official Process; if affidavit found in error, ballot is rejected <i>(NH RSA § 659:53)</i>	Precinct poll voter checklist indicates all absentee voters whose ballots were received; absentee voters are prohibited from voting in person at the polls <i>(NH RSA § 659:55)</i>
V@H ELECTION LAWS		V@H VOTING RESOURCES	
No laws addressing by-mail elections		<b>Absentee Application</b> <b>Absentee Voting Process</b> <b>New Hampshire Election Laws</b>	

**NEW YORK**

MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION					
Eligibility	Permanent Mail-Ballot Option?	Applicable Elections	Application Methods	Distribution/Collection Rules	Photo ID?
Excuse Required <i>(N.Y. U.C.C. § 8-400)</i>	YES; Voters who meet certain criteria (eg. physical disability or long-term illness) may opt for permanent status <i>(N.Y. U.C.C. § 8-400(4))</i>	All Calendar Year Elections	Mail, Hand-deliver, Email, or Fax* to county Board of Elections	No restrictions on who may distribute/collect/solicit applications	NO
Witness/Notary?	Application Period Start Date (days before Election Day)	Mailed-Out Ballot Deadline	Final Deadline	Application Verification	Application Turnaround (business days)
NO	10/7/18 (30)	10/31/18	11/5/18	Applicant's absentee ballot qualification verified before ballot is issued <i>(NY UCC § 8-402(1))</i>	No Requirement

\*If submitting an application electronically, in order for the ballot to count, the original copy of the application must be received by Election Day

**MAIL-BALLOT VOTING**

Ballots Mailed-Out Date (days before election)	Witness/Notary?	Photo ID?	Mail-Ballot Return Methods	In Person Mail-Ballot Return	Mail-Ballot Deadline	Postmark Permitted?
10/5/18 (32)	NO	NO	Mail or Hand-deliver to county Board of Elections; or local polling place	No restrictions on who may return absentee voter's voted ballot	11/6/18	YES; Accepted 7 days after election day

**MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING**

Full Signature Verification	Mail-Ballot Validation	Mail-Ballot Curing	Multi-Vote Prevention
YES	Ballot affidavit signature compared with voter's signature on voter registration record	No Legally-mandated Process; ballot is not counted if absent/incongruent signatures occur	Before absentee ballots are counted the precinct poll book is consulted for any votes in person by an absentee voter

**V@H ELECTION LAWS**

**V@H VOTING RESOURCES**

No laws addressing by-mail elections	<p><b>Absentee Application</b></p> <p><b>Absentee Voting Process</b></p> <p><b>New York Election Laws</b></p>
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**PENNSYLVANIA**

**MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION**

Eligibility	Permanent Mail-Ballot Option?	Applicable Elections	Application Methods	Distribution/Collection Rules	Photo ID?
Excuse Required (25 PA Cons Stat § 3302)	NO	Each Individual Election*	Mail or Hand-deliver to county board of elections	No restrictions on who may distribute/collect/solicit applications	NO
Witness/Notary?	Application Period (Start Date)	Mailed-Out Ballot Deadline	Final Deadline	Application Verification	Application Turnaround (business days)

**MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION**

NO	9/17/18	10/30/18	10/30/18	Application signature checked against voter registration record <i>(25 PA Cons Stat § 3146.2b)</i>	2 <i>(25 PA Cons Stat § 3146.5)</i>
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\*Disabled, ill, or otherwise incapacitated, voters, with physician certification, can apply to receive permanently (up to four years) an absentee ballot application by mail before every election

**MAIL-BALLOT VOTING**

<b>Ballots Mailed-Out Date</b> (days before election)	<b>Witness/Notary?</b>	<b>Photo ID?</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Return Methods</b>	<b>In Person Mail-Ballot Return</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Deadline</b>	<b>Postmark Permitted?</b>
9/17-9/22/18 (45-50)	NO	NO	Mail or Hand-deliver to county board of elections	Only the voter may return their own voted ballot <i>(25 PA Cons Stat § 3146.6)</i>	11/2/18	NO

**MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING**

<b>Full Signature Verification</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Validation</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Curing</b>	<b>Multi-Vote Prevention</b>
YES	Ballot affidavits signature compared with voter’s signature in voter registration record	No Official Process	Precincts receive absentee ballots from county board of elections; at close of polls, poll books are compared with absentee voted ballots; if a voter voted in person, any absentee ballot also received is voided

**V@H ELECTION LAWS** **V@H VOTING RESOURCES**

No laws addressing by-mail elections	<b>Absentee Ballot Application</b> <b>Absentee Voting Process</b> <b>Pennsylvania Election Statutes</b>
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**VIRGINIA**

<b>MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION</b>					
<b>Eligibility</b>	<b>Permanent Mail-Ballot Option?</b>	<b>Applicable Elections</b>	<b>Application Methods</b>	<b>Distribution/Collection Rules</b>	<b>Photo ID?</b>
Excuse Required <i>(VA Code § 24.2-700)</i>	NO	Each Individual Election*	Mail, Hand-deliver, Email, Fax, or apply Online to local city or county registrar’s office	No restrictions on who may distribute/collect/solicit applications	NO
<b>Witness/Notary?</b>	<b>Application Period (Start Date)</b>	<b>Mailed-Out Ballot Deadline</b>	<b>Final Deadline</b>	<b>Application Verification</b>	<b>Application Turnaround (business days)</b>
NO	Open	10/30/18	11/3/18	Applicant’s eligibility to vote confirmed via voter registration record <i>(VA Code § 24.2-706)</i>	3

\*Anyone eligible for absentee status due to illness or disability is eligible for a special annual application to receive mail-ballots for all elections in a calendar year

<b>MAIL-BALLOT VOTING</b>						
<b>Ballots Mailed-Out Date</b> <i>(days before election)</i>	<b>Witness/Notary?</b>	<b>Photo ID?</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Return Methods</b>	<b>In Person Mail-Ballot Return</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Deadline</b>	<b>Postmark Permitted?</b>
45	YES; Mail-ballot must be marked in presence of one witness <i>(VA Code § 24.2-707)</i>	NO	Mail or Hand-deliver to local city or county registrar’s office	Mail-ballot return by person other than voter prohibited, with exceptions <i>(VA Code § 24.2-707)</i>	11/6/18	NO

<b>MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING</b>			
<b>Full Signature Verification</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Validation</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Curing</b>	<b>Multi-Vote Prevention</b>

MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING			
NO	Received absentee ballots are verified against list of absentee applicant list in each precinct and affidavit reviewed for completion only (VA Code § 24.2-709.1)	No Legally Mandated Process; voters must be notified of rejected status within 90 days of rejection (VA Code § 24.2-711.1)	Absentee Applicant list provided to precincts consulted before permission is granted to vote at the poll (VA Code § 24.2-712)
V@H ELECTION LAWS		V@H VOTING RESOURCES	
No laws addressing by-mail elections		<b>Virginia Absentee Ballot Application</b> <b>Absentee Voting Process</b> <b>Virginia Election Code</b>	

**WEST VIRGINIA**

MAIL-BALLOT APPLICATION					
Eligibility	Permanent Mail-Ballot Option	Applicable Elections	Application Methods	Distribution/Collection Rules	Photo ID?
Excuse Required (W. Va. Code § 3-3-1)	Yes; Voters who meet certain criteria (eg. physical disability or long-term illness) may opt for permanent status (W. Va. Code § 3-3-2b)	Each Individual Election	Mail, Hand-deliver, Email, or Fax, or apply Online to the county clerk's office	Only the voter may make application for an absentee ballot in person; distribution or collection of applications prohibited	NO
Witness/Notary?	Application Period Start Date (days before Election Day)	Mailed-Out Ballot Deadline	Final Deadline	Application Verification	Application Turnaround (business days)
NO	8/14/18 (84)	10/31/18	10/31/18	Applicant's absentee ballot qualification and voting eligibility verified before a ballot is issued (W. Va. § 3-3-5)	1 (W. Va. § 3-3-5)

**MAIL-BALLOT VOTING**

<b>Ballots Mailed-Out Date</b> (days before election)	<b>Witness/Notary?</b>	<b>Photo ID?</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Return Methods</b>	<b>In Person Mail-Ballot Return</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Deadline</b>	<b>Postmark Permitted?</b>
9/21/18 (46)	NO	NO	Mail or Hand-deliver to the county clerk’s office	A person may return no more two ballots in person, including their own <i>(W. Va. Code § 3-3-5)</i>	In person: 11/5/18 By mail: 11/6/18	YES; Accepted 5 days after election day

**MAIL-BALLOT COUNTING**

<b>Full Signature Verification</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Validation</b>	<b>Mail-Ballot Curing</b>	<b>Multi-Vote Prevention</b>
YES <i>(W. Va. Code § 3-3-10)</i>	Ballot affidavit signature compared with the voter’s signatures on the absentee ballot application and voter registration record <i>(W. Va. Code § 3-3-10)</i>	No Official Process; if unsigned, mismatching signatures or other envelope errors are observed, the ballot is made provisional; county clerks will outreach to voters for an opportunity to correct ballot until the 6th day before the election (application deadline)	Poll books flag voters who’ve requested absentee ballots; absentee voters must vote provisionally unless they surrender their original mail-ballot <i>(W. Va. Code § 3-3-5)</i>

**V@H ELECTION LAWS**

No laws addressing by-mail elections

**V@H VOTING RESOURCES**

**Absentee Voting Application**  
**Absentee Voting Process**  
**West Virginia Election Laws**