

Voters May Vote Early, Either in Person or by Mail

Voters who vote during the early voting period may vote at any early voting site in the political subdivision that is holding the election. Alternatively, if a voter will be 65 years of age or older on Election Day, has a disability, or will be outside the county during early voting hours and on Election Day, the voter can apply to vote by mail. Simply submit a completed and signed Application for a Ballot by Mail any time from the 60th to the 11th day before Election Day to the proper county early voting clerk. An Application for a Ballot by Mail may also be submitted in person by the voter to the early voting clerk's office if the application is submitted not later than the close of regular business in the clerk's office by the 11th day before Election Day. For further information on voting early in person or by mail, including information on assistance in requesting, marking, or mailing a ballot by mail, please read our pamphlet titled "[Early Voting in Texas.](#)" [Get your application here.](#)

<https://www.co.ector.tx.us/upload/page/7873/docs/Elections/Voter%20Registration%20Tab/Application%20for%20Ballot%20by%20Mail.pdf>

Application for a Ballot by Mail

If someone helps you complete this form or mails, emails or faxes this form for you, that person must complete the Witness/Assistant Box 6 below. If you email or fax this form to the Early Voting Clerk, you must also send the original hardcopy to the Early Voting Clerk. If you are faxing or emailing this form on or near the deadline to apply for a Ballot by Mail, you must send the original hardcopy so that the Clerk receives it no later than the fourth business day after the day the Clerk received your email or fax. Original signatures are required on both the fax or email image and the physical hard copy. Electronic signatures are not permitted. THE HARD COPY OF THIS APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE EARLY VOTING CLERK AND MEET ALL LEGALLY REQUIRED DEADLINES. Please read the instructions on the back of this form completely. If you have any questions, please call the Early Voting Clerk in your county of registration or the office of the Texas Secretary of State at 1-800-252-8683 or log on to www.sos.texas.gov for a list of County Early Voting Clerks and their email and physical addresses.

1. Voter Information: Please print all information clearly and legibly

YOU MUST PROVIDE ONE of the following numbers

Name: Last, First, Middle, Suffix (Jr, Sr)

Texas Driver's License, Texas Personal Identification Number or Election Identification Certificate Number issued by the Department of Public Safety (NOT your voter registration VUID#)

Residence Address as shown on your Voter Registration Certificate

Address: Street, Apt. # (if any), City, State, Zip Code

If you do not have a Texas Driver's License, Texas Personal Identification Number or a Texas Election Identification Certificate Number, give the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number

Optional Information: Providing this information is helpful to the Early Voting Clerk to clarify any information on this application and/or your voted mail ballot.

XXX-XX-XXXX

Date of Birth: / / VUID #: Pct #:

I have not been issued a Texas Driver's License/Texas Personal Identification Number/Texas Election Identification Certificate or Social Security Number

Email: Tel. #:

2. Mail my Ballot to:

- My Residence Address (as listed on my Voter Registration Certificate)
Other Address - You may use the Other Address line only if the other address fits one of the categories below.

Address, Apt. # (if any), City, State, Zip Code

My Other Address is: (Check one)

- The mailing address listed on my Voter Registration Certificate
Address Outside the County (voters absent from the county)
Hospital, Nursing Home, Long-Term Care Facility, Retirement or Assisted Living Center or a Relative (Indicate Relationship)
Address of the Jail/Civil Commitment Facility or a Relative (Indicate Relationship)

3. Reason For Voting by Mail:

- 65 Years of Age or Older
Disability (as defined in Texas Election Code 82.002(a), see instructions on reverse) By checking this box, I affirm that, "I have a sickness or physical condition that prevents me from appearing at the polling place on election day without a likelihood of needing personal assistance or injuring my health."
Expected to give birth within three weeks before or after Election Day
Expected Absence from the County (You may apply for a ballot for one election and its resulting runoff, if your dates of absence from the county include both elections)

Date you can begin to receive mail at your out of county address: / / Date of return to residence address: / /

- Confined in Jail or Involuntary Civil Commitment (You may only apply for a ballot for one election and any resulting runoff)

4. Send me a Ballot for the Following Elections:

Annual Application
Send me a ballot for all Elections in this voting year (January - December) Annual Applications only available for voters 65 and older and voters with disabilities. You must select a party if you wish to vote in a primary. Select only one party's primary and its resulting runoff.

OR

Uniform Election Dates
November Election May Election (not a primary runoff)
Any Resulting Runoff Other Special Election: (Name or Date of Special Election, if known)

Primary Election (even numbered years only)

Democratic Primary Any Resulting Runoff
Republican Primary Any Resulting Runoff
(Voters who are absent from the county or confined in jail/civilly committed may only apply for one election and its resulting runoff.)

- Democratic Primary Any Resulting Runoff
Republican Primary Any Resulting Runoff
Do Not Send me a Primary Ballot

5. Sign Here:

"I certify that the information given in this application is true, and I understand that giving false information in this application is a crime."

X Date: / /
If applicant is unable to sign or make a mark (in the presence of a witness), the witness must complete the witness portion in Box 6 below. The signature or mark of the voter in the blank above must be an original signature made with a pen and ink. Electronic signatures are not permitted.

6. If someone helps you complete this form or mails, emails or faxes the form for you, that person must complete the section below.

Instructions for Witnesses and Assistants: See back of this form for the definitions of Witness and Assistant.

Check one or both boxes below if you served as a Witness, an Assistant or both. All information below must be completed!

- If the applicant is unable to make a mark, you must check this box and complete all information below. Do not sign for the voter in Box 5.
Witness - If you are acting as a Witness to the applicant's signature or mark or signing on the applicant's behalf, you must state your relationship to the applicant here: (Indicate Relationship)
Assistant - If you assisted the applicant in completing this application in the applicant's presence or mailed/emailed/faxed the application on behalf of the applicant.

Failure to complete this section is a Class A Misdemeanor if applicant's signature was witnessed or applicant was assisted in completing this application.

X Signature of Witness/Assistant Printed Name of Witness/Assistant

Street Address, Apt. # (if any), City, State, Zip Code

FROM: _____

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TO: EARLY VOTING CLERK

Instructions for Application for Ballot by Mail

BOX 1:

- **Name:** Please give your full name as it was provided to the Voter Registrar and include any suffixes like Jr., Sr., or III.
- **Date of Birth:** Not a requirement but it is helpful to determine identity when voters have common names.
- **Address:** Give your full residence address as shown on your Voter Registration Certificate.
- **VUID and Precinct Number:** If you know your VUID and/or Precinct number, you may provide it, but it is not a requirement.
- **Phone Number and Email Address:** Providing your telephone number and email is not required but is extremely helpful to the Early Voting Clerk to clarify any information on this application and/or your voted mail ballot.
- **Required Personal Information:** You **MUST** provide one of the following numbers: Texas Driver's License Number, Texas Personal Identification Number or Election Identification Certificate Number (**NOT** your VUID#). If you do not have one of the above mentioned numbers, you must provide the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number. If you have not been issued any of the required numbers, check the box that says that you have not been issued one of the required numbers. If you have been issued one of the required numbers, but it is not associated with your voter registration record, please contact your local registrar to inquire about how to add one of the required numbers to your voter registration record.

BOX 2:

Your ballot must be mailed to the address where you are registered to vote or the mailing address listed on your Voter Registration Certificate. **There are some exceptions that allow you to have your ballot mailed to a different location.**

- **If you are voting by mail because you are 65 or have a disability** – Your ballot can be mailed to a hospital, nursing home, long-term care facility, retirement or assisted living facility or a relative.
- **If you are absent from the county** – Your ballot must be mailed to an address outside the county.
- **If you are confined in jail or involuntarily civilly committed** – Your ballot can be mailed to the address of the jail/commitment facility or a close relative.

BOX 3:

The State of Texas requires that you provide a reason for voting by mail. Place a checkmark in the box that best describes your reason for voting by mail.

- If you choose **65 Years of Age or Older**, you must turn 65 no later than Election Day.
- If you choose **Disability**, your disability must meet the definition of a disability as described in Section 82.002(a) of the Texas Election Code.
- If you choose **Confinement for Childbirth**, you expect to give birth within three weeks before or after Election Day.
- If you choose **Expected Absence from the County**, you must expect to be absent from the county on Election Day and during the hours of early voting by personal appearance or the remainder of the early voting period after you submit your application. The ballot must be mailed to an address outside the county and you must provide the dates that you will be absent from the county.
- If you choose **Confined in Jail/Involuntary Civil Commitment under Chapter 841 of the Health and Safety Code**, you must be legally eligible for Early Voting by Mail. At the time your early voting ballot application is submitted, you are either (1) confined in jail serving a misdemeanor sentence for a term that ends on or after Election Day; (2) pending trial after denial of bail; (3) without bail pending an appeal of a felony conviction; (4) pending trial or appeal on a bailable offense for which release on bail before Election Day is unlikely or (5) you are involuntarily civilly committed.

BOX 4:

Please select the election(s) for which you are applying.

Annual Application – Only voters who are 65 or older or who have a disability are eligible to apply for an Annual ballot by mail. An Annual ballot by mail will provide you with a ballot for all the elections

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in a calendar year for which you are eligible. Your Annual Application may be forwarded to other entities holding elections in which you are eligible to vote. This means that you may receive a ballot for those other elections in addition to the ballot you requested with this application. If you do not select any elections in Box 4, your application will be considered an Annual Application if your reason for voting by mail was 65 Years of Age or Older or Disability.

BOX 5:

Sign and date your application. If you are unable to sign because of a physical disability or illiteracy, the application may be signed for you by a witness in Box 6. The witness must be in the presence of the voter in order to act as a witness.

BOX 6:

- **Witness** – The witness **must** place a checkmark in the Witness Box indicating you were unable to make your mark. The witness **must** state his or her relationship to you. If the witness is not a relative, the witness **must** state that on the line provided. The witness **must** sign and provide his or her printed name and residence address. It is a Class B Misdemeanor to act as a witness for more than one application in each election or act as a witness for more than one Annual ballot by mail application in a calendar year.
- **Assistant** – If a person (other than a close relative or person registered to vote at the same address) assists you in completing this application; or mails, faxes or emails this application on your behalf, the assistant **must** complete Box 6. The assistant must sign and provide his or her printed name and residence address. An assistant commits a Class A Misdemeanor if he or she provides assistance without providing the information required in Box 6.

DEADLINE TO APPLY:

Your application must be received by the Early Voting Clerk not later than the 11th day before Election Day. If the deadline falls on a weekend or holiday the deadline moves to the first preceding business day. An application may be submitted anytime in the calendar year but not later than the 11th day for the election in which you wish to vote. **Annual Applications** – If you submit an Annual Application (only available for voters 65 and older and voters with disabilities), within 60 days of an election that takes place in the following calendar year, your application will be valid for all elections in the following calendar year. This 60 day rule applies only to Annual Applications and only when there is an election within 60 days of the date the Annual Application was received by the Early Voting Clerk in the preceding year.

SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION:

The application must be submitted by one of the following methods:

- **In-Person** – Only the applicant may submit his or her own application to the Early Voting Clerk.
- **By Mail** – The application may be submitted via the U.S. Postal Service.
- **Common or Contract Carrier** – The application may be submitted via a bona fide, for profit carrier.
- **Fax Transmission** – Please contact your Early Voting Clerk or the Secretary of State for fax numbers.
- **By email** – The application may be submitted via email. Please contact your Early Voting Clerk or the Secretary of State for email addresses.

The fax or email must reach the Early Voting Clerk's office no later than the close of regular business or 12:00 noon, whichever is later on the 11th day before Election Day.

IF YOU FAX OR EMAIL THE APPLICATION YOU MUST ALSO PHYSICALLY SEND THE ORIGINAL TO THE EARLY VOTING CLERK SO THAT IT IS RECEIVED NO LATER THAN THE FOURTH BUSINESS DAY AFTER IT WAS RECEIVED BY FAX OR EMAIL.

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FROM: _____



TO: EARLY VOTING CLERK

Instrucciones para la Solicitud de Boleta Postal

Sección 1:

- **Nombre:** Por favor escriba su nombre completo como se le suministró al Registrador de Votantes e incluya cualquier sufijo como Jr., Sr., o III.
- **Fecha de Nacimiento:** No es requerida pero es útil para determinar la identidad cuando hay votantes con nombres similares.
- **Dirección:** De su dirección completa como aparece en su Certificado de Registro Electoral.
- **VUID y Número del Precinto:** Si sabe su VUID y/o número del precinto, puede proporcionarlo, pero no es requisito.
- **Número Telefónico y Correo Electrónico:** Proporcionar su número telefónico y dirección de correo electrónico no es requerido pero es extremadamente útil al Secretario(a) de Votación Adelantada para clarificar cualquier información en esta solicitud y/o su boleta por correo votada.
- **Información Personal Requerida: DEBE proporcionar uno de los siguientes números:** Número de Licencia de Conducir de Texas, Número de Identificación Personal de Texas o Número de Certificado de Identificación Electoral (NO su número de VUID). Si no tiene uno de los números mencionados anteriormente, debe proporcionar los últimos 4 dígitos de su Número de Seguro Social. Si no se le ha expedido ninguno de los números requeridos, marque la casilla que dice que no se le ha emitido uno de los números requeridos. Si se le ha expedido uno de los números requeridos, pero no está asociado con su registro de votantes, por favor comuníquese con su registrador local para averiguar sobre cómo agregar uno de los números requeridos a su registro de votantes.

Sección 2:

- Su boleta debe ser enviada por correo a la dirección donde está registrado(a) para votar o la dirección postal indicada en su Certificado de Registro Electoral. **Hay algunas excepciones que le permitirá que su boleta sea enviada a un lugar distinto.**
- **Si está votando por correo porque tiene 65 años o tiene alguna discapacidad** - Su boleta puede ser enviada a un hospital, asilo de ancianos, centro de cuidado de largo plazo, centro de jubilación, centro de vida asistida o a un familiar.
 - **Si está ausente de su condado** - Su boleta debe ser enviada a una dirección fuera del condado.
 - **Si está confinado en la cárcel o involuntariamente comprometido civilmente** - Su boleta puede ser enviada a la dirección de la cárcel/lugar de rehabilitación civil o a un familiar cercano.

Sección 3:

- El Estado de Texas requiere que usted provea una razón para votar por correo. Marque el cuadro que mejor describe su razón para votar por correo.
- Si usted escoge **65 o más años de edad**, usted debe cumplir 65 no más tarde que el Día de las Elecciones.
 - Si usted escoge **Discapacidad**, su discapacidad debe cumplir con la definición de discapacidad como esta descrita en la Sección 82.002(a) del Código Electoral de Texas.
 - Si usted escoge **Confinamiento por Parto**, usted espera dar a luz dentro de las 3 semanas antes o después del Día de las Elecciones.
 - Si usted escoge **Ausencia Esperada del Condado**, usted deberá estar ausente del condado en el Día de las Elecciones y durante las horas de votación adelantada por presencia personal o por el periodo restante de votación adelantada después que envió su solicitud. La boleta debe enviarse a una dirección fuera del condado y usted debe proveer las fechas en que estará ausente del condado.
 - Si usted escogió **Confinado en la Cárcel/Involuntariamente Comprometido Civilmente** bajo el **Capítulo 841 del Código de Salud y Seguridad**, usted debe ser elegible legalmente para la votación adelantada por correo. Al momento que su solicitud para votar por adelantado es enviada, usted es o esta (1) confinado en la cárcel cumpliendo una sentencia de un delito menor por un periodo que finaliza en el Día de las Elecciones o después; (2) con juicio pendiente después de la negación de fianza; (3) sin fianza, pendiente de una apelación de una convicción por delito de felonía; (4) con juicio pendiente o apelación de un delito susceptible de fianza por el cual la libertad bajo fianza antes del Día de Elecciones es muy improbable o (5) usted está involuntariamente comprometido civilmente.

Sección 4:

Por favor escoja la elección(es) por las cuales está aplicando.
Aplicación Anual: Solo votantes que tienen 65 o más años de edad o que tienen una discapacidad son elegibles para aplicar para la Boleta Anual por correo. Una Boleta Anual por correo le permitirá recibir una boleta para cada elección en el año calendario en las que usted sea elegible para votar. Su solicitud anual puede ser

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remitida a otras entidades que celebran elecciones en las que usted puede votar. Esto significa que usted puede recibir una boleta para otras elecciones además de la boleta que solicitó con esta solicitud. Si no escoge ninguna opción de la Sección 4, su solicitud será considerada una Aplicación Anual si el motivo de votar por correo fue 65 o más años de edad o Discapacidad.

Sección 5:

Firme y ponga la fecha de su solicitud. Si usted no puede firmar debido a una discapacidad física o por analfabetismo, la solicitud debe ser firmada por el testigo de parte de usted en la sección 6. El testigo debe estar en presencia del votante para actuar como su testigo.

Sección 6:

- **Testigo** - El testigo **debe** marcar en la Sección de Testigo indicando que usted no pudo hacer una marca. El testigo **debe** proveer el parentesco que tiene con usted. Si el testigo no es un familiar, el testigo **debe** proveer eso en la línea provista. El testigo **debe** firmar y dar su nombre y dirección residencial en letra de molde. Es un delito menor de Clase B el que una persona atestigüe en más de una solicitud de boleta postal para cada elección o para más de una Aplicación Anual en un año calendario.
- **Asistente** - Si una persona (aparte de ser familiar cercano o persona inscrita para votar con la misma dirección del votante) le ayuda a completar esta solicitud o se la envía por correo, por fax o por correo electrónico, el asistente **debe** completar la sección 6. El asistente **debe** firmar y dar su nombre y dirección residencial en letra de molde. El asistente comete un delito menor de Clase A si él o ella provee su asistencia sin completar la información requerida en Sección 6.

Fecha Límite para Aplicar:

Su solicitud **debe** ser recibida por el Secretario(a) de Votación Adelantada no más tarde que el Día 11 antes del Día de las Elecciones. Si la fecha límite es un fin de semana o día feriado, la fecha límite se traslada al primer día hábil anterior. Una solicitud puede ser enviada en cualquier momento durante el año calendario pero no más tarde que el día 11 antes de las Elecciones en que desea votar.

Aplicaciones Anuales - Si usted envía su Aplicación Anual (solo disponible para votantes de 65 o más años de edad y votantes con discapacidad), dentro de los 60 días antes de la elección que se llevará a cabo en el siguiente año calendario, su solicitud será válida para el resto de las elecciones en el siguiente año calendario. La regla de los 60 días aplica solo a Aplicaciones Anuales y solo cuando hay una elección dentro de los 60 días después de haber sido recibida por el Secretario(a) de Votación Adelantada en el año anterior.

Enviar su Solicitud:

- Esta solicitud debe ser enviada por uno de los siguientes métodos:
- **En persona** - Solo el/la votante puede someter su propia solicitud al Secretario(a) de Votación Adelantada
 - **Por correo** - La solicitud puede ser enviada por medio del Servicio Postal de los EE. UU.
 - **Por transportista común o contratado** - La solicitud puede ser enviada a través de un transportista común o contratado, que es de buena fe, con fines de lucro.
 - **Por fax** - Por favor contacte a su Secretario(a) de Votación Adelantada o a la Secretaria del Estado para los números de fax.
 - **Por correo electrónico** - La solicitud puede ser enviada por correo electrónico. Por favor contacte a su Secretario(a) de Votación Adelantada o a la Secretaria de Estado para las direcciones de correos electrónicos.

El fax o correo electrónico debe llegar a la oficina del Secretario(a) de Votación Adelantada no más tarde que el cierre de horario regular de oficina o a las 12:00 del mediodía, el que sea más tarde en el Día 11 antes del Día de las Elecciones.

SI USTED ENVÍA SU SOLICITUD VÍA FAX O CORREO ELECTRÓNICO, USTED TAMBIÉN DEBE DE ENVIAR EL DOCUMENTO ORIGINAL AL SECRETARIO(A) DE VOTACIÓN ADELANTADA DE TAL MANERA QUE SERÁ RECIBIDO A MÁS TARDAR EL CUARTO DÍA DESPUÉS QUE HAYA SIDO RECIBIDO POR FAX O POR CORREO.