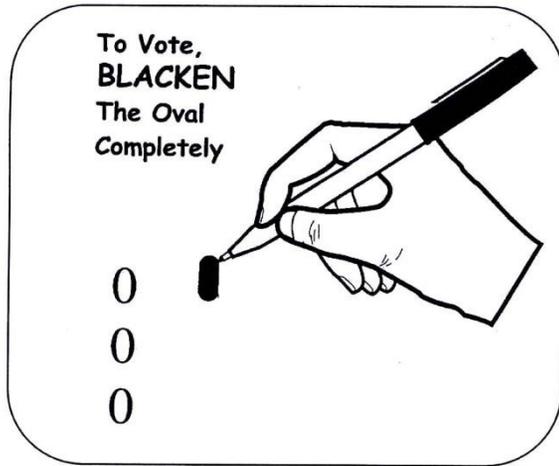


To Use the Absentee Ballot When You Get It

Follow the Instructions on the ballot

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Important Information for Voters With Disabilities:



Permanent Absentee Ballots

An election law passed in Connecticut in 2012 allows any eligible voter who is permanently physically disabled to automatically receive an absentee ballot for each election, primary, or referendum held in the elector's town.



How This Works for Voters

If you are a voter with a permanent physical disability and wish to automatically receive an absentee ballot sent to you at your home:

- Fill out an application for an absentee ballot and submit it, and a letter requesting that you would like to get absentee ballots from now on, to your town clerk.
- Ask your physician or other medical care provider to send a letter certifying that you are unable to appear in person at your polling place to vote because of your disability. You can submit the letter when you make your request, or have your provider mail it in.

- Watch for your absentee ballot to be delivered about one month before the next election.

Who Can Write the Letter?

The letter must be from your primary care provider; the provider may be a physician, physician's assistant, or nurse practitioner.

What Should the Letter Say?

The law requires the certification letter to state that the voter has a permanent physical disability and is unable to appear in person at the polls. The letter should be on the provider's letterhead.

Your Medical Information is Confidential

Your request for an automatic absentee ballot and certification letter is kept on file and entitles you to receive a ballot for each primary, election, or referendum automatically. Anyone's absentee ballot application is subject to Freedom of Information inquiries, but state law requires that your doctor's certification letter — containing your medical information — remain private and confidential.

If You Move

Your registrars of voters will send a written notice to you each year to ask whether you still live at the same address. Please be sure to reply to this notice if you wish to continue receiving your automatic absentee ballot.

If you've moved to a new address in your town, please reply and note your correct address to receive your ballot.

If you have moved out of town, please reply so that the registrars of voters can send you an application for voter registration in your new town. You will have to re-apply for an automatic absentee ballot in your new town.

And if You Want to Undo It All

You may request not to receive an automatic absentee ballot at any time.