



## Absentee Voting by Mail is an option. Apply now!

South Carolina lists [18 criteria](#) that allow absentee voting by mail. **In addition, for the June 9 primaries and run-offs, all SC voters are eligible to request an absentee ballot in order to follow social distancing guidelines. Use Reason 18 — State of Emergency.**

You may also qualify in one of the other categories.

If you (or someone you live with or care for) have an underlying medical condition or a risk factor that could be jeopardized by your exposure to COVID-19, you can apply for absentee voting by mail with **physical disability (7)** or **caregiver (15)** as your reasons. Voting by mail is your safest option. These criteria apply to all voters, regardless of age. Eligibility criteria also include age **sixty-five or older (17)**, if your **employment (8)** prevents your voting on Election Day, or if you are out of the county on **vacation (10)** on Election Day. [Read more.](#)

**The League of Women Voters of South Carolina urges you to apply without delay.** Your prompt action helps the county election offices that are tasked with conducting an election during this pandemic.

## How to apply

# 1:Call (easiest!) or 2:Email

## Call or email and request an application.

Find your County Election Office phone number and email address [here](#).

If you **call**, provide your name, address, phone number, the reason you need to vote absentee (#18 - State of Emergency, or another) and which party's primary you want to vote in. The office will then send you a mailed application.

If you **email**, you will receive a return email requesting the information needed. Respond to that and then you will be sent an application through the mail.

REQUEST **ALL APPLICATIONS** IF YOU WISH TO APPLY FOR THE JUNE PRIMARY, the RUNOFF (if one is needed), AND THE NOVEMBER BALLOTS. But note that, at this time, you cannot use Reason 18 - State of Emergency for the general election in November.

## 3: A third way to apply -- download an application

**Download an application** directly from [scVOTES](#). Enter your information, then print your application to sign and mail.

✓ **Mind the checkboxes!** You can apply to vote in the June Primary and/or the November General Election one or both. De-select the sec-

ond checkbox as applicable. Do you want a ballot if a runoff election occurs? Check that box.

✓ Print, sign, and mail **both applications** if you are applying for both June and November ballots. See the small identifying print in each left corner.

NOTE: Some problems have been reported using this method; if you have difficulty, just use method 1 or 2 above.

## Act quickly!

**Sign** and **return** the application by mail, email, or FAX. Once the Board of Elections reviews your application, they will send you a ballot.

Return all mailings quickly as heavy participation in absentee voting by mail is likely. When filling out your ballot **follow all instructions very carefully!**

Allow plenty of time for delivery. (You can deliver your ballot in person as late as 7 p.m. on Election Day.)

## What is the June 9 election?

Various primary contests will be determined on June 9. Since South Carolina does not provide for registration by party, party primaries are open. Citizens may vote in the Democratic, Republican or any other party's primary, whichever they choose. Primary contests are determined by majority vote. If no candidate wins a majority, a runoff election is held two weeks following the primary. Check the box for a runoff ballot if you'll want to participate.

## WHAT WILL BE ON MY BALLOT ON JUNE 9?

Go to the LWV's nonpartisan website [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org) to see and print your sample ballot and read candidate positions on various issues (if they are available in your county). Also check [SCVOTES.org](http://SCVOTES.org) and review your sample ballot there. That site includes the contests and the candidate names, but does not include responses from the candidates regarding their positions and views.