

Absentee Voting

Absentee ballots may be **requested** no more than 120 days before an election. Applications for absentee ballots received prior to 120 days before Election Day will be returned to the voter with a notification of the date when the applications will be accepted.

The first day to vote an absentee ballot in the Auditor's Office or at a satellite voting location, and the first day for the Auditor to mail ballots to voters who have applied for them, is the 29th day before the election.

Applications for absentee ballots **delivered to the County Auditor's Office** must be received by the close of pre-election voter registration. This is 10 days before general elections and 11 days before all other elections.

When voting absentee in person **following the pre-election voter registration deadline** (see above), one must provide proof of identity and residency. See **Election Day Registration** for details.

Applications for absentee ballots must include, along with information previously required, the voter's **Voter verification number**, unless the voter is a resident or patient in a health care facility, hospital, or dementia-specific assisted living program. The voter verification number is the voter's Iowa driver's license number or nonoperator's ID number, or Iowa Voter Identification Card pin number. **HOWEVER**, if any required information, including the voter verification number, is omitted from an absentee ballot request, the county auditor shall, by the best means available, obtain the additional necessary information.

For questions, contact the Election Office at 319-833-3007 or election@co.black-hawk.ia.us.