

## **QUALIFICATIONS FOR ABSENTEE VOTERS**


[HTTP://WWW.ALLEGHENYCOUNTY.US/ELECT/ABSENTEE.ASPX](http://www.allegHENYcounty.us/Elect/absentee.aspx)

In order to vote by Absentee Ballot, you must be a registered voter, (unless you are a member of the Armed Forces or a hospitalized or bedridden veteran outside your county of residence). You must also either be:


- Unable to attend your polling place due to illness or physical disability
- Absent from your municipality of residence on the day of the election during the time the polls are open due to duties, occupation or business; or
- Not attending your polling place on the day of the election during the time the polls are open due to your observance of a religious holiday.

## **HOW TO APPLY FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT**

**(ABSENTEE BALLOTS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BOROUGH OFFICE)**

- Applications for Absentee Ballots are available at the Allegheny County Elections Division, Room 601 of the County Office Building, located at the corner of Forbes Avenue and Ross Street, downtown Pittsburgh, Pa., 15219 or for more information you may call (412) 350-4520. Regular business hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or
- You may also obtain an application from the  [Pennsylvania Department of State's Web site](#). There you may download, print, complete, sign and send the form to:
- Attn: Absentee Voting Section  
Division of Elections  
Allegheny County  
542 Forbes Ave., Room 601  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219-2953
- You may also apply for an absentee ballot by means of a signed written request submitted to the Elections Division, containing the following information: name of voter; residence address; date of birth; reason for voting by absentee; address to which ballot is to be mailed; and signature of applicant. (Voters who wish to vote by absentee ballot due to illness or physical disability must also provide the exact nature of their disability and the name, office address and office telephone of their attending physician.)
- For fastest results, personally visit the Elections Division and complete an application. As soon as the ballots are printed, if you are properly registered, you will be handed an absentee ballot to vote right there. It takes only a few minutes.

## **IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS FOR RETURNING YOUR VOTED ABSENTEE BALLOT**

All voted Absentee Ballots **must be sent by mail or express or overnight mail (which includes DHL, FedEx and UPS, for example) or delivered IN PERSON by the absentee ballot voter. Voted absentee ballots returned by any other means will not be accepted or counted by the Elections Division.** Disabled voters may designate another person to assist in obtaining and delivering their absentee ballot. More information and the necessary form(s) or application(s) for this voting option may be obtained on the  [Pennsylvania Department of State's Web site](#).