# WHY VOTE ABSENTEE?

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- O VOTE FROM THE SAFETY OF YOUR OWN HOME DURING THE PANDEMIC.
- AVOID LONG LINES AT THE POLLS.
- **HOW DOES ABSENTEE VOTING WORK?**

### STEP ONE: REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT FROM YOUR COUNTY CLERK NOW

- 1. REQUEST YOUR "ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION."
- **a.** Browse <a href="https://bit.ly/3gAucNI">https://bit.ly/3gAucNI</a> to find your county clerk's office.
- **b.** Ask your county clerk to mail you an Absentee Ballot Application.
- 2. AFTER YOU RECEIVE IT, FILL OUT THE ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION CAREFULLY.
- **a.** Mark "I will be unavoidably absent from my polling place" for why you're requesting a ballot. The Governor says COVID-19 is a reason to be absent.
- **b.** Confirm you reside in the county you're registered to vote in, so the clerk can verify

TAKE YOUR TIME WITH YOUR VOTING, RESEARCH CANDIDATES ONLINE.

# THE BALLOT COMES TO YOU; YOU DON'T GO TO THE BALLOT.

your voter registration.

- **c.** Mark "General Election/Nonpartisan Runoff & General Election Runoff" as your election choice.
- **d.** Choose how you want to receive your ballot, whether by mail, or if you, or a "bearer," will pick it up.
- e. Sign your form.

#### Questions? Call your county clerk!

**3. MAIL IT, FAX IT, OR TAKE A PHOTO WITH YOUR PHONE** and email the signed application to your county clerk.

# DEADLINE TO REQUEST YOUR BALLOT IS OCT 27, BUT DO. NOT. WAIT!

## STEP TWO: RECEIVE YOUR ABSENTEE BALLOT IN OCTOBER

**1. ABSENTEE BALLOTS** get mailed from your county clerk's office no sooner than 47 days before Election Day.

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**2. ABSENTEE VOTERS** will receive a large envelope addressed to you, the voter.

#### IT WILL HOLD:

- a. an unmarked ballot
- **b.** ballot-only envelope—for putting your "marked" ballot into (NOTHING else goes in this envelope)
- **c.** voter statement with instructions on mailing back your ballot—you must sign this statement and return it!
- **d.** Return Envelope You will need to pay postage, either 2 or 3 first-class stamps, depending on your county.

### **3.THESE ITEMS MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE RETURN ENVELOPE:**

- a. Completed Voter Statement
- **b.** Copy of your photo ID, or SIGN the "Optional Verification of Identity" instead, certifying you are a registered voter.
- **c.** Marked Ballot sealed in the Ballot-Only envelope

### 4. DELIVER THE SEALED ENVELOPE TO YOUR COUNTY CLERK!

- a. BY MAIL: received at clerk's office by7:30pm ON election day
- **b. IN PERSON:** by close of business on the day BEFORE the election
- **c. BY DESIGNATED BEARER:** by 7:30pm ON election day

Questions or problems? Email **VOTE@VIPVOTER.ORG** 

# #VOTESAFEAR 2020

During the COVID-19 Pandemic vote safely-vote absentee

The ballot comes to YOU; you don't go to the ballot!

# 3 ways to vote in Arkansas:

- 1. Election Day Voting—In person at an assigned voting location or vote center, 7:30 am-7:30 pm. Voter is allowed 10 minutes to vote.
- 2. Early Voting—In person at an early voting location. Up to two weeks before Election Day (hours are different for early voting, check with your county clerk). Voter is allowed 10 minutes to vote.
- **3. Absentee Voting—Not in person** by requesting that a ballot be sent to you. Complete an "absentee ballot request form." Voter can take all the time they want in the privacy of their home to vote.

Can you change your mind and vote in person, AFTER you've requested an absentee ballot? Yes, you can. Ask for a "provisional ballot" at your polling place.

# Congratulations! That's how you vote safely in #Election2020!

To find out if your ballot was received by the clerk's office after mailing, visit **VoterView.org** 

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