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# ARE YOU PREPARED TO VOTE?

**ELECTION DAY: Tuesday, November 8, 2022**

## You May Be Eligible to Vote!

### YOU CAN VOTE IF:

1. You're a U.S. citizen and will be at least 18 years old by November 8.
2. You have not been declared mentally incompetent by a court.
3. You have never been convicted in a Mississippi state court of any of the 22 disenfranchising offenses.
4. Before incarceration, you were a resident of Mississippi for at least 30 days.
5. Unfortunately, if you have ever been convicted of any of the disenfranchising crimes, even if you've completed your sentence, you are not eligible to vote. It's illegal to vote if not eligible.

## Why Vote?

Elections impact your daily life! The races on the ballot this year include Court of Appeals Judges, Circuit Court Judges, Chancery Court Judges, County Court Judges, and U.S. House of Representatives. **Your vote is counted in your home county.** It's your power to make change — leave no power on the table!

## If You're Eligible, First Register to Vote

To vote in the November election, mail your registration application by **Tuesday, October 10.**

1. Complete a voter registration form. (**On all voting forms, your residence and physical address** are where you lived before incarceration. Your **mailing address** and **return mailing address** for envelopes are your current jail/prison address.)
2. Sign it.
3. Write "voting mail" on the envelope and mail it to your home county Circuit Clerk.
4. Once you're registered, vote an absentee ballot by mail. See other side for steps.

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# Steps to Vote Using an Absentee Ballot by Mail

## STEP 1

### REQUEST AN APPLICATION

Friday, September 9

Request an absentee ballot application from your home county Circuit Clerk by phone or by sending a letter in the mail starting on this date.

If you request by mail, make sure to include in your letter:

- Your name
- County where you lived before incarceration
- Mailing address of the jail/prison
- Your date of birth
- Your driver's license number or the last four digits of your SSN

## STEP 2

### COMPLETE THE APPLICATION

Saturday, September 24

An absentee ballot application may be mailed to you after this date.

Complete your application. (Remember that your residence/physical address is your home county residence; your mailing address is your jail/prison.)

Write "voting mail" on the envelope and mail it to your home county Circuit Clerk as soon as possible.

When filling out your application, we recommend checking the box for "disability" and writing "incarcerated" next to it.

You DO NOT NEED this notarized if using this excuse.

You DO need a person who is at least 18 years old to sign as a witness.

## STEP 3

### VOTE

Tuesday, November 8

Once you receive your ballot in the mail, complete and postmark it by this date. The sooner you send your ballot in the mail, the better! Remember to sign the voter's affidavit across the envelope's sealed flap.

Have it witnessed and signed by any person who is at least 18 years old.

Write "**confidential ballot/voting mail**" on the envelope.

If you postmark your ballot by **November 8**, it will count as long as it arrives by **November 15**.

## QUESTIONS?

Call the Mississippi Election Protection hotline at **888-601-VOTE** or the national hotline at **866-OUR-VOTE** (866-687-8683).

