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## PROBATE COURT OF MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA

## **MEDIA ALERT**

TO:

All Mobile News Producers

FROM:

Don Davis, Judge of Probate and Chief Election Officer of Mobile County, AL

DATE:

October 28, 2024

RE:

Absentee Voting Deadline - Alabama General Election

Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 o'clock p.m. is the deadline to apply, in-person, for absentee ballots for the November 5, 2024 Alabama General Election. Absentee ballot applications submitted by mail or courier must be received at the Absentee Election Manager's office on Tuesday, October 29, 2024.

Applications for absentee voting are available at the Absentee Election Manager's office in the Mobile County Government Center Annex, 1st Floor, 151 Government Street, Mobile, AL 36602. Applications are also available on the Probate Court's website. The website address is: <a href="https://www.probate.mobilecountyal.gov/elections">www.probate.mobilecountyal.gov/elections</a> or the Alabama Secretary of State's website <a href="https://www.alabamavotes.gov">[www.alabamavotes.gov</a>]. Please note that Alabama law prohibits multiple applications being mailed in the same envelope.

Any qualified voter may submit an absentee ballot application by mail or in person to the Absentee Election Manager's Office for the following reasons:

- The voter is out of the county or state on election day.
- The voter has any physical illness or infirmity which prevents the voter from attending the polls.

- The voter works a shift that has at least 10 hours, which coincide with the hours the polls are open at the voter's regular polling place.
- The voter is a student enrolled in school outside the county of personal residence.
- The voter is a member, a spouse or a dependent of a member of the United States Armed Forces, or is similarly qualified to vote absentee according to the Federal Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act.
- The voter has been appointed an election officer or named a poll watcher at a polling place other than the voter's regular polling district.
- The voter will be out of the county on election day responding to a state of emergency as declared by this state or any other state, or by the federal government.

Completed ballot materials must be returned by the voter in person to the Absentee Election Manager at the Mobile County Government Center Annex no later than 5:00 o'clock p.m. on November 4, 2024; or, if mailed through the United States Postal Service received by the Absentee Election Manager by 12:00 noon on Election Day. **Multiple ballots cannot be mailed in the same envelope.** 

## **Emergency Medical/Business Emergency Applications**

Any registered voter who requires emergency treatment of a licensed physician within five (5) days of an election may apply for a medical emergency absentee ballot, which must be returned no later than 12:00 noon on General Election Day.

These ballots may be returned by a person designated by the voter by 12:00 noon on General Election Day, and the attending physician must describe and certify the circumstances creating the emergency.

Registered voters whose names appear on the voters list may vote a business emergency ballot if they are required by an employer, under unforeseen circumstances, to be out of the county on an emergency business trip on election day. In such cases, the voter can apply and vote at the Absentee Election Manager's office no later than 5:00 o'clock p.m. on Monday, November 4, 2024. The voter must sign an affidavit acknowledging that they were not aware of the out-of-county business requirement prior to five (5) days before the election.

For more information about voting an absentee ballot, contact Ms. Susan Potts, Supervisor of the Absentee Election Manager Office, at 574-6400.

We ask that you alert your audiences of the aforesaid information on a variety of occasions between now and November 5, 2024.

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For further information, please contact:

Ms. Susan Potts, Supervisor Absentee Election Manager Office Mobile County Government Center Annex Mobile County, Alabama Mobile, AL 251-574-6400