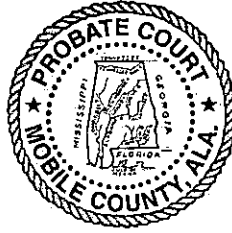


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PROBATE COURT OF MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA

PRESS RELEASE

TO: ALL MOBILE COUNTY, ALABAMA NEWS PRODUCERS

FROM: DON DAVIS, Judge of Probate and Chief Election Officer, Mobile County, AL

RE: MOBILE COUNTY'S ABSENTEE ELECTION OFFICE WILL OPEN NEXT WEEK

DATE: September 5, 2024

Mobile County's Absentee Election Office will open to serve Mobile County citizens who desire to vote absentee next Wednesday, September 11, 2024. The office is located on the first floor of the Mobile County Government Center Annex, 151 Government Street, Mobile, AL 36602. The telephone number for the Office is 251.574.6400. The Office's staff are currently training and preparing for the opening of the Office on September 11, 2024. The Office's telephone is off line until September 11, 2024. Absentee ballot applications that have already been mailed to the Office will be processed on September 11, 2024.

The Annex is located next door to Mobile Government Plaza and also to Mardi Gras Park. The Office's hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. There is ample free parking adjacent to the Annex along the perimeter of Mardi Gras Park. Paid parking is also available.

Absentee ballots applications are available via the Mobile County Probate Court's Internet website [www.probate.mobilecountyal.gov] or the Alabama Secretary of State's website [www.alabamavotes.gov]. Applications can also be picked up in person at the Absentee Election Office.

A citizen can come to the Absentee Election Office, obtain their absentee ballot, mark their ballot, and return it while at the Annex, where it will be kept secure under lock and key until General Election Day. There is a private area available for marking ballots. Persons with various types of disabilities can utilize an "Express Vote" marking device at the Office to mark their ballot. Persons with various disabilities can also bring someone with them to the Absentee Election Office to provide assistance to the voter in the marking of the absentee ballot.

Citizens requesting an absentee ballot in person should bring with them to the Absentee Election Office an acceptable form of photo ID. There are many different acceptable forms of voter photo ID. More information about voter photo ID can be found on the Probate Court's Internet website.

If a citizen requests their absentee ballot by mail they should attach a photocopy of an acceptable form of voter photo ID to their completed application. Only one absentee ballot application in an envelope is acceptable for processing - this is an election integrity procedure contained in the Alabama Election Code.

Completed absentee ballots can also be mailed to the Absentee Election Office upon completion. Only one absentee ballot can be placed in the envelope returning the absentee ballot to the Absentee Election Office.

Completed absentee ballots can be returned in person to the Absentee Election Office - but **ONLY BY THE VOTER**. The absentee voter hand delivering an absentee ballot to the Absentee Election Office should have an acceptable form of voter photo ID on their person when they return their completed absentee ballot.

The most common errors encountered in Mobile County with regard to absentee voting are:

1. Voter does not *completely* fill out the absentee ballot outer envelope
2. Voter does not sign the absentee ballot outer envelope
3. Voter's signature is not notarized or witnessed by two (2) adults.

As of September 3, 2024, approximately 700 absentee ballot applications have been received by the Office. These will be processed on September 11, 2024.

For more information about the Mobile County Absentee Election Office, please contact the Mobile County Probate Court Elections Center at elections@probate.mobilecountyal.gov or by calling 251.574.6080.

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