

SOUTH CAROLINA

ELECTION COMMISSION

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Absentee Deadlines Fast Approaching

COLUMBIA, SC (March 12, 2013) – Voters should be aware of upcoming deadlines for voting by absentee ballot in the U.S. House of Representatives District 1 Republican and Democratic Primaries on March 19.

Qualified voters may vote absentee in person or by mail:

In Person – Visit your [county voter registration office](#), complete an application, and cast your ballot. You may vote absentee in person up until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 18.

By Mail

Step 1: Get an absentee application in one of two ways:

- [Get the application online at scVOTES.org.](#) [Follow this link](#) to get your application online. To get your application online, you must be able to print your application.
- [Request an application from your county voter registration office by phone, mail, email, or fax.](#) You will be mailed an application.

Step 2: Complete and sign the application and return it to your county voter registration office as soon as possible and no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 15. You can return the application by mail, fax, or email.

Step 3: You will be mailed an absentee ballot.

Step 4: Vote the ballot following ballot instructions and return it to your county voter registration office no later than 7:00 p.m. on March 19. You may return the ballot personally or by mail.

Persons qualified to vote by absentee ballot:

1. Students attending school outside their county of residence and their spouses and dependents residing with them
2. Members of the Armed Forces or Merchant Marine serving outside their county of residence and their spouses and dependents residing with them ([click here for additional information](#))
3. Persons serving with the American Red Cross or with the United Service Organizations (USO) who are attached to and serving with the Armed Forces outside their county of residence and their spouses and dependents residing with them
4. Persons who, for reasons of employment, will not be able to vote on election day
5. Physically disabled persons
6. Government employees serving outside their county of residence on Election Day and their spouses and dependents residing with them
7. Persons with a death or funeral in the family within three days before the election
8. Persons who plan to be on vacation outside their county of residence on Election Day
9. Certified poll watchers, poll managers, and county election officials working on Election Day
10. Overseas Citizens ([click here for additional information](#))
11. Persons attending sick or physically disabled persons
12. Persons admitted to the hospital as emergency patients on Election Day or within a four-day period before the election
13. Persons serving as a juror in state or federal court on Election Day
14. Persons sixty-five years of age or older
15. Persons confined to a jail or pre-trial facility pending disposition of arrest or trial

Voters can get an absentee by mail applications, check their absentee ballot status, and check their voter registration at scVOTES.org.

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