

Absentee Voting

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.
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.
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.

Procedures for voting by absentee ballot:

Qualified voters may vote absentee in person or by mail.

In Person - Visit the Abbeville County Voter Registration Office, complete an application, and cast your ballot. You may vote absentee in person from 8:30a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The last day to vote absentee is the day before the election.

By Mail -

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

- **Get the application online.** Visit www.Scvotes.org to get your absentee application online. To get your application online, you must be able to print your application or save your application for printing later. You can only get your application online once.
- **Request an application from your county voter registration office by phone, mail, email, or fax.** You will be mailed an application.

Step 2: You've now printed your application online or received your application in the mail. You must now complete and sign the application and return it to your county voter registration office. You should return the application as soon as possible but no later than 5:00 p.m. on the 4th day prior to the election (the 4th day is Friday for all Tuesday elections). You may return the application by mail, email, fax, or personal delivery.

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 by 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election. You may return the ballot personally or by mail. You may also have another person return the ballot for you, but you must first complete an authorization to return absentee ballot form, available from your county voter registration office.

For more information, contact this office, (864) 366-2400, x53