



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ABSENTEE BALLOT WITNESSES

If you elect to vote absentee in person or by mail, you must get your ballot application and ballot witnessed.

If you vote absentee in person, you do not need to find a witness. Someone in your Circuit Clerk's office will witness your ballot application and ballot for you during your in-person voting process.

If you vote absentee by mail, persons with a temporary or permanent physical disability may get their ballot application witnessed by any person eighteen (18) years of age or older. **Everyone else** voting absentee by mail must get one of the following persons to witness their ballot application:

- Notary public
- United States postmaster
- Assistant United States postmaster
- United States postal supervisor
- Clerk in charge of a contract postal station
- Other officer having authority to administer an oath, including:
 - judge of any court of record,
 - court clerk,
 - court reporter,
 - master,
 - member of the board of supervisors,
 - justice court judge,
 - mayor,
 - and municipal clerk.

Note: The USPS has implemented a policy prohibiting postal employees from witnessing ballots. So, even though Mississippi law allows a postal worker to witness, a postal worker might be prohibited from doing so by internal policy.

You can find a list of all the notaries near you [here](#). If you are elderly or disabled and need a witness to drive to you, call us. If we have someone in your county who can help, we will connect you with someone.

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