

**ABSENTEE BALLOT
VOTING PROCEDURES
FOR HOSPITALIZED VOTERS**

Even though you are hospitalized on Election Day, we still need you!

There are special provisions in California law to help hospitalized voters exercise their right to vote. You must follow the special procedures explained in this brochure or the voter will be unable to vote.

ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE

The patient, like all voters, must have been registered to vote at least 15 days before an election. If they have moved and not re-registered, call our office for details.

MEDICAL EMERGENCY BALLOT

Special provisions are made to avoid disenfranchising voters with a medical emergency after the deadline for requesting an absentee ballot. The voter and his or her family must initiate the request early enough to be able to fulfill the requirements of the law.

Beginning 7 days before an election, any registered voter unable to go to the polls because of confinement in the hospital may authorize anyone to pickup their ballot from the Elections office. On election day hospital volunteers may do this for you.

An application form is included in this brochure for your convenience. The application may be completed by anyone. However, it must be signed by the voter under penalty of perjury asking that a ballot be delivered to them. If the voter is physically unable to sign the request, someone may help the voter sign with an "X." That person must fill in the voter's name and under it write "Witnessed by _____."
(Witness signs own name).

The ballot may be picked up at the Elections Office by the person the voter has authorized.

If you have any questions, ask the hospital personnel or call the Absentee Section of the Voter Registration and Elections office at 875-6269.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION

The application may be delivered to the Voter Registration and Elections office up through election day.

ASSISTANCE

Any voter may ask another person to assist in marking his/her ballot. However, no one can mark the ballot unless the voter asks for the help.

RETURN VOTED BALLOT

After voting the ballot, the voter is to:

1. Identify in the space provided on the Identification Envelope the name of the person authorized to return the ballot.
2. Sign and date the envelope.
3. Place the ballot in the Identification Envelope and seal it.

The authorized person is to sign in the space provided on the back of the Identification Return Envelope. Return the voted ballot to the Elections office before 8:00 P.M. OR to any polling place in the county by 8:00 P.M. on election day.

REGULAR ABSENTEE BALLOT

A patient who is admitted to a hospital more than 7 days before any election, and who will be unable to vote at his or her polling place on election day, may vote by regular absentee ballot. Call the Voter Registration and Elections Office at 875- 6269 for details.

Si necesita ayuda en español llame por favor al (916) 876-6688. Gracias