

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK GREENE COUNTY

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Deadline to Request Absentee Ballot by Mail Moved Back One Week by Missouri General Assembly

Greene County Clerk Shane Schoeller announced that anyone needing to request an absentee ballot by mail will need to do so by **5:00 p.m.** next **Wednesday, March 20th**, per state statute for eligible voters who are unable to go to their regular polling place on April 2nd. In previous years, a voter requesting an absentee ballot by mail had an additional week to make their request. The Missouri General Assembly changed the request deadline during its past legislative session. The purpose for the change was to give an additional week of mailing time for the ballot to be returned to the election authority's office.

Homebound or out-of-town voters may request an absentee ballot by mail, either handwritten or from the fillable form that can be found at: <u>https://greenecountymo.gov/files/PDF/file.pdf?id=9615</u>. These requests must be signed by the voters and received in the County Clerk's office no later than 5:00 **p.m. March 20th**. Mailed ballots must be voted, notarized, returned by mail, and received in the County Clerk's office before 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

In-person absentee voting hours continue to be available for those eligible voters unable to go to their regular polling place on April 2nd. Please make sure to bring a valid form of identification when coming to the County Clerk's office at **1126 North Boonville** in the **Archives** building to vote absentee. The voting hours will be from **8:00 a.m.** to **5:00 p.m.** through **Monday, April 1st**. The office will also be open for absentee voting **Saturday, March 30th** from **9:00 a.m.** to **1:00 p.m.**

Questions about absentee voting should be directed to Schoeller's office at 868-4060 or at: www.greenecountymo.gov/county_clerk/election/absentee.php

The sample April 2nd ballot in Greene County is available in the Greene County Clerk's Office. A composite of candidates and issues is available online at: www.greenecountymo.gov/county_clerk/election/candb_issues.php

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