

Absentee Voting Information

Requesting an Absentee Ballot for the September 14 Primary Election

If you wish to request an Absentee Ballot for the September 14 Primary Election, and are not currently a permanent (ongoing) absentee voter, you may fill out the Mail-In Voter Registration Form on page 53 of this pamphlet. This form will take care of initial registration, address and name changes, as well as permanent absentee requests. Simply fill out all of the information and answer "yes" to question 11 "Ongoing Absentee Request." If you are already an ongoing absentee voter, you **DO NOT** need to complete this form. You will automatically receive a ballot for this election provided our office has your current residential/ mailing address.

Complete the form for the following reasons:

- You will be out of town prior to election day.
(Primary election ballots will begin arriving on August 28.)
- You wish to become an ongoing absentee voter.
- You wish to change your voter registration address.
- You are 17½ years old or older and wish to register for the first time.

For Military Members, Overseas Citizens, and Hospitalized Voters

1. *Service Email Ballot:* Members of the military service, their dependents, and U.S. Citizens residing or traveling abroad may apply for our Email Ballot Program.
2. *Service Absentee Ballot:* Members of the military service and their dependents may apply for an absentee ballot at any time.
3. *Special Absentee Ballot:* A voter who is outside the continental United States at election time and will be unable to return a regular absentee ballot by normal mail delivery, may apply for a special absentee ballot up to 90 days before an election. The special absentee ballot will contain the known offices and issues scheduled to appear on the ballot.
4. *Emergency Health Clause:* If you are confined to a hospital or health care facility, you may apply for an absentee ballot up to and including the day of the election. Contact the hospital administrator or County Auditor for this type of ballot.

Please Note...

- Any voter may request an absentee ballot for a specific election, in person, by telephone (360)786-5408, mail, fax (360)786-5223, or by email: www.co.thurston.wa.us/auditor.
- Submit your request at once to allow time for a correspondence exchange.
- ★★ If you need to obtain an absentee ballot, you may do so by contacting us at (360)786-5408. Absentee Ballots will only be available prior to election day and can be issued until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 13, 2004, at the Thurston County Auditor's Office.



**All ballots must be voted and postmarked
no later than the day of the election.**

Remember to Sign Your Mailing Envelope