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VBM Talking Points

Senate Bill 90 (SB90)

- Signed in to law May 2021
- Requires voters to request vote by mail ballots every election cycle
- Makes it unlawful for an individual to possess more than two ballots not including immediate family members. Ex: Spouse, children, parents, and siblings
- When requesting a vote by mail ballot you must provide Florida driver license, state id or last four digits of your social security number

Senate Bill 7050

- Reduces the time a voter has to request a vote by ballot be mailed to them by two days. The new deadline is 12 days before an election instead of 10 days.
- Rejects vote by ballots if two or more are mailed back in the same envelope.

VBM Requests can be made in person at your SOE office, by mail via written letter , by phone or online. Last day to request a vbm ballot is 5pm, 12 days before an election. Ballot must be mailed out by SOE two days after request. Last day SOE can mail ballot out is eight days before an election. Request can be tracked online by visiting your SOE

website. Best practice is to request two weeks in advance to ensure you can mail it back to be counted on time.

VBM Request on another's behalf: You will need their full name, address, FL Driver License or Identification number or last four of social, written request requires voter signature.

Steps to request your vote by mail ballot online:

1. Visit SOE Website
2. Click on vote by mail
3. Request vote by mail
4. Select if you will be request for someone else or yourself
5. Verify name, address, DOB, and provide Florida DL or ID or last four social of the voter requesting the vbm
6. Verify address you would like ballot mailed to
7. Provide email address for electronic receipt

Designating someone to pick up absentee ballot: Voters can select anybody to pick up their vbm ballot. The person selected can not pick the ballot no earlier than 9 days before an election. A designee is limited to pick up a max of two ballot per election cycle excluding immediate family members. Designee must bring voter written letter

How to vote by mail: Steps will be included with the ballot as well as a postal stamp to mail ballot back. Ballot can be tracked online by visiting your SOE website.

Need another ballot: If your ballot is lost, damaged, overdue you can contact your SOE office to request another ballot.

Requested ballot but would rather vote in person: A voter who requested a vbm ballot could vote in person if they will like. Bring the ballot marked or unmarked down to the polling location to turn in and vote in person. If the ballot is not turned in SOE will need to verify that the ballot has not been returned and received. If the ballot has not been received, voters could cast a normal ballot. If it cannot be determined if the ballot has been received , a provisional ballot will be casted instead.

Will I have to request another ballot for the 2024 election? No, your request will be good through the 2024 election. You have to request your ballot for every general election cycle which is two years.

Recommended time to send ballot back: We recommend you send your ballot 7-10 days before an election to make sure your ballot is counted, ballot must be received no later than 7pm on election day.

Correcting mismatch or forgotten signature: SOE must notify voters that their signature doesn't match or was not on the ballot. The voter must then complete and return the vote by mail cure Affidavit form with a copy of identification. The affidavit can be returned by mail, email, fax or in person. Deadline to submit forms with ID is 5pm, 2 days after an election.

Resources for voters

- Request vote by mail link and website: Allvotingislocal.org
- Voteriders (ID Replacement) 844-338-8743 or voteriders.org
- FRRRC (Help with fines and fees) 407-901-3749 or floridarrc.com
- Check If right has been restored: <https://fpcweb.fcor.state.fl.us/>
- Rideshare2Vote (Need ride to polling location free roundtrip) 888-977-2250 or rideshare2vote.com
- Voter Protection Hotline (Any voting questions or concerns) call or text 866-687-8683 or 866ourvote.org
- Learn about where the candidates stand on issues: <https://www.vote411.org/>
- Florida Division of Elections website: <https://dos.myflorida.com/elections/for-voters/>