



WISCONSIN: VOTING *by* ABSENTEE BALLOT *in* 2012

Here's a look at how Wisconsin's recent changes in voting laws affect absentee-by-mail and in-person absentee voting.

You need to be a registered voter and possess a qualifying photo ID to vote by absentee ballot.

To get your absentee ballot, you must:

- **Show a qualifying photo ID** at the county clerk's office if voting in person, or include a copy with your application if applying by mail.
- **Apply for an absentee ballot** by the Thursday before the election (if by mail) or the Friday before the election (if in person).

Request an absentee ballot by mail by downloading the Application for Absentee Ballot, completing the application and then mailing it in to your municipal clerk's office.

You can no longer vote early by in-person absentee ballot on the weekend or day before an election. As of 2012, early voting only takes place after the third Monday preceding the election and ending on the Friday before the election. Deadlines for requesting and returning mail-in absentee ballots have not changed—absentee ballot requests must be received by the municipal clerk by 5:00 p.m. on the Thursday before the election and completed ballots must be returned by Election Day.

Is automatic delivery still available?

Yes, you can still apply to receive absentee ballots sent to you automatically.

If you apply for automatic delivery, the municipal clerk will send you an absentee ballot for every election in the calendar year. However, if you fail to return any absentee ballot for any election, the clerk will stop sending your ballots automatically. If you stop receiving ballots, contact the county clerk and let them know you would like to continue receiving ballots for subsequent elections.

Can I request my absentee ballot by email or fax?

Yes, when you return your completed absentee ballot, remember that you will also need to enclose a signed copy of your ballot request.