

Eligible Carroll County Voters Can Start Requesting Absentee By-Mail Ballots for August Election

Carroll County, TN – Beginning May 8, **eligible** Carroll voters can start requesting ballots to vote absentee by-mail for the Aug. 6 State and Federal Primary and County General election.

“Our office is working hard to process absentee by-mail ballot requests for the August election,” said Peg Hamlett. “I encourage Carroll County voters to make your request now.”

Tennessee state law provides numerous ways to vote absentee by-mail. One of the most popular reasons to vote absentee is being 60 years or older. Other reasons allowed under state law to vote by-mail include:

- The voter will be outside the county where he/she votes during the early voting period and all day on Election Day.
- The voter or the voter’s spouse is enrolled as a full-time student in an accredited college or university outside the county of registration.
- The voter will be unable to vote in-person due to service as a juror.
- The voter is hospitalized, ill or physically disabled and because of such condition, cannot vote in-person.
- The voter is a caretaker of a person who is hospitalized, ill or disabled.
- The voter will be working as a poll official.
- The voter is a member of the military and out of the county where he/she votes.

For a list of all statutory reasons to vote absentee by-mail go to carrollcountytnelections.com or GoVoteTN.com.

For voters who meet a reason under Tennessee law to vote absentee by-mail, please submit a written request to the Carroll County Election Commission by mail to 625 High St, Ste 113, Huntingdon, TN 38344; fax 731-986-1913; or, email to carroll.commission@tn.gov.

To submit a request by email, attach a document with all the necessary information listed and your scanned signature.

Your request must include:

- your name
- address where you live
- full social security number
- date of birth
- the address where to mail the ballot, if different than your home address
- for the August election, to receive a Federal/State Primary ballot, you must request either a Republican or Democratic primary ballot. If a party is not specified, you will only receive the County General election ballot.
- which of the qualifying reasons you meet to vote absentee by-mail. For example, I am 60 years old.
- your signature.
- the date you complete and sign your request.

While not required, a phone number is recommended in case the Carroll County Election Commission needs any additional information or we can not read any part of your responses.

Requests must be received by the Carroll County Election Commission no later than seven (7) days before the election. For the Aug. 6 State and Federal Primary and County General Election, complete absentee by-mail requests must be received by **July 30**.

“Peg Hamlett has been diligently preparing for this election,” said Tennessee Secretary of State Tre Hargett. “She and her staff are ready to assist you with your absentee by-mail ballot request.”

For more information about who can and how to vote absentee by-mail visit the Carroll County Election Commission web site, carrollcountytnelections.com