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NEWS ALERT! Facts about Permanent Absentee Voting

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Dear Friends,

Minnesota voters now have the option to join the **Permanent Absentee Voter List**. When you sign up, your county election officials will automatically send you a ballot before **every** election.

The Minnesota Voters Alliance recommends that every voter sign up for the Permanent Absentee Voting option. No matter your political stripes, everyone should sign up because the data shows that the side who embraces permanent absentee voting gains an electoral advantage.

Applying DOES NOT mean you have to vote absentee, but it secures the option if the need arises and your preferred candidates will thank you for it!

What does that mean for you?

- **A ballot is sent to you automatically.** You don't have to submit a new absentee ballot request before every election. Ballots are mailed out about 46 days before an election. Receiving a ballot in advance helps to remind you about every election including special elections and school board elections.
- **You are not required to vote by mail.** Being on the permanent absentee voter list DOES NOT mean you must vote by mail. You have all flexible voting options available to you and can vote by mail, early in-person absentee, early in-person, or on Election Day. You are in control of which method you use.
- **You have more time to review your ballot.** Receiving the ballot before Election Day gives you an opportunity to review candidate choices including judges, ballot questions, and referendums. This gives you additional time to cast an informed vote.

Sign up online: Minnesota Secretary of State's website: <https://mnvotes.sos.mn.gov/pbrequest/index/>,

Use a paper application: You can also print out a few applications to bring to family, social, or community events using this link: <https://sos.mn.gov/media/zwodvi3k/permanent-absentee-voter-application.pdf>

Or, you can sign up by checking the box in the upper right on an [absentee ballot application](#).

Please share this information with friends/family and offer help to those who may need assistance.

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