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Your Hamilton County Clerk

Notice to Voters

Due to COVID-19, all 2020 General Election voters are encouraged to cast a ballot prior to Election Day on November 3, either by mail or during early voting. Voting by mail is an easy option for voters, and you can request a vote by mail ballot through email, mail, online, or in person.

Step 1: Complete an Application for a Vote by Mail Ballot

Pursuant to Public Act 101-642, an application for vote by mail is enclosed for your convenience, or you can submit an application online at www.hamiltoncountyillinois.com. Your ballot can be mailed to the address where you are registered, or any address that you specify on your application.

Step 2: Submit Your Application for Ballot to Your Election Authority

Your application must be submitted by one of the following methods:

1. Mail delivery or in-person delivery to the Hamilton County Clerk at:
Hamilton County Clerk
100 South Jackson Street, Room 2
McLeansboro, IL 68259
2. Send a scanned copy or photo of the application to coclerk@hamiltonco.us
3. Apply for a vote by mail ballot online at www.hamiltoncountyillinois.com

Applications for Vote by Mail Ballots must be received by October 29, 2020, if sent through the mail, or by November 2, 2020, if delivered in person.

Step 3: Receive Your Ballot in the Mail

For voters who return their applications early, ballots will be mailed out starting on September 24, 2020, and the voter should receive them no later than October 5, 2020.

For applications received after voting by mail has started on September 24, 2020, the ballots will be mailed within two business days after our office receives the application. If you do not receive your ballot or have questions, you may contact our office at **618-643-2721** or by email at coclerk@hamiltonco.us.

Step 4: Vote and Return Your Ballot

Your ballot may be returned to the election authority by mail, or delivered in person. In person delivery can be by either the voter or by any person authorized by the voter, or by a company licensed as a motor carrier of property by the Illinois Commerce Commission under the Illinois Commercial Transportation Law, which is engaged in the business of making deliveries. If delivered, the ballot must be received by the election authority prior to the polls closing (at 7:00 PM) on Election Day: November 3, 2020. If mailed, the ballot must be postmarked by Election Day (please note that special rules apply to a voter who has been admitted to a hospital, nursing home or rehabilitation center within 14 days of the election; you may contact your election authority for further information if this is your situation).

You may confirm receipt of your ballot by the **Hamilton County Clerk** on our website www.hamiltoncountyillinois.com or by calling our office at 618-643-2721.