

## Absentee voting in Iowa

The law does not require the voter to state the reason for voting absentee on the request form. Any registered voter may vote by absentee ballot for ANY election.

Absentee ballots may be sent to voters through the U.S. Postal Service. Voters may also vote by absentee ballot at the Sac County Auditor's Office. Request forms for absentee ballots may be obtained online at the Sac County website [www.saccounty.org](http://www.saccounty.org) under the Auditor's office link or the Secretary of State website at [www.sos.state.ia.us](http://www.sos.state.ia.us) at the Voters/Elections tab on the left side. Both are fillable forms, just type in information needed, print out and SIGN. **Requests MUST be signed.**

In lieu of the official form, absentee ballot requests MUST be on paper no smaller than 3x5 inches and include the following:

- The name of the voter
- The voter's address
- The address to which the ballot should be sent (if different from voter's address)
- The voter's date of birth
- The date and/or name of the election for which the voter is requesting a ballot
- The voter's party affiliation (PRIMARY ELECTION only)

Requests can be:

Mailed: James W Dowling; Sac County Auditor; 100 NW State St, Box 1; Sac City, IA 50583.

Faxed: 712) 662-7879

E mailed: [jellerbrock@saccounty.org](mailto:jellerbrock@saccounty.org)

If requests are faxed or emailed, originals MUST be sent to the Auditor's office.

Ballots are mailed to voters no earlier than 40 days before Primary and General Elections. For other elections ballots are mailed to voters as soon as they are ready. Postage is paid by the Auditor's office to return the ballot.

There is no notary required for your signature on either the request or affidavit envelope.

No one can request a ballot for another person.

## Voting Absentee in Person

Voters may cast absentee ballots at the Sac County Auditor's office during regular business hours prior to the election. Request forms can be taken out of the Auditor's office, **ballots CANNOT**. By law, if ballots are not voted in the Auditor's office, the ballots MUST be mailed.