

NEWS RELEASE

Advance Voting for November 2, 2021 General Election

Advance voting is available to the voters of Kansas. It is a convenience to the voters to cast their ballots before Election Day either by mail or in person in the County Election Office (County Clerk's Office). A registered voter is not required to state a reason for advance voting, only complete the application form as prescribed by the Secretary of State, and vote the advanced ballot.

Any registered voter is eligible to vote by advance voting ballot on all offices and Special Questions submitted in their District. The advanced ballots are counted by an election board of at least three board members consisting of Democratic and Republican members.

Any registered voter may file with the County Election Officer where the voter is a resident or where by law they are authorized to vote as a former precinct resident, an application for an advanced voting ballot. The signed application may be transmitted to the County Election Officer by facsimile or may be picked up and delivered by another individual.

Applications may also be transmitted by mail and must be received in the county election office no later than Tuesday, October 26th, 2021. All ballots must be mailed to the voter no later than Tuesday, October 26th, 2021 at 5:00 PM.

All registered voters applying for an advance voting ballot to be transmitted by mail, the voter shall provide with the application for an advance voting ballot the voter's current and valid Kansas Driver's license number, nondriver's identification card number or a photocopy of any other identification provided by K.S.A. 25-2908. If you do not provide identification to the County Election Officer with the Advance voting application you will be required to vote a Provisional Ballot. The Board of Canvassers will determine if your vote is valid at the time of Canvass.

In person voting in the County Election Office, will be available beginning October 13th, 2021. In person voting may be applied for and voted until 12:00 Noon, Monday, November 1st, 2021 in the County Election Office.

Any person having a permanent physical disability or an illness which has been diagnosed as a permanent illness and is qualified to vote an advance voting ballot as a registered voter, can make an application for permanent ballots to be mailed each election in which they are a qualified elector. A ballot will be automatically sent to the voter unless they notify the Election Office they no longer are disabled and do not wish to vote by advance ballot. When an application is received in the Election Office, a permanent list shall be retained by the office; each election advance ballots will be sent to registered voters on this list.

A list is maintained in the County Election Office listing names and addresses of persons applying for advance ballots and a separate list for permanent advance voting. These lists may be inspected at any time providing the individual or individuals making the inspection request provide to the County Election Officer identification in the form of driver's license or other reliable identification and complete an application for inspection form.

Every precaution is taken to insure only one ballot per person. Lists are at the polling places and election board workers have names and addresses of each person who has applied for an advance ballot. Due to a recent change in Kansas Law, voters must make application in person, no one is allowed to apply "in behalf" on another voter.

Advance voting is a step in the right direction towards convenience to the voter. Many times distance to the voting place and the time involved, weather conditions and many other reasons hinder the voter turnout on Election Day.

The County Clerk and staff are here to answer any questions and serve the public. If you have any questions or need assistance in obtaining an application for advance voting or any other concerns you may have, please call and we will be glad to answer your questions or provide assistance. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM and the phone number is 620-330-1200. If you have a question and cannot call during these hours, please call 620-331-9210. You can acquire the Advance Application by going to the County Website – <http://www.mgcountyks.org>

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