

Early Voting by Mail

Many Texans vote early. Texas enables residents to vote in the days and weeks before an election to make the voting process more convenient and accessible. There are two ways to vote early: by showing up in person during the prescribed early voting period or by voting by mail.

To vote early in person - Early voting in person will begin the 18th day before Election Day (if that's a weekend, early voting starts on Monday) and ends the 4th day before Election Day. Early voting is held in the Martin County Elections Office. All other voting rules and procedures apply – e.g., eligibility, identification.

You may vote early by mail if:

- You will be away from your county on Election Day and during early voting;
- You are sick or disabled;
- You are 65 years of age or older on Election Day; or
- You are confined in jail, but eligible to vote.

You can get a formal application for a ballot by mail from our office, or the [Secretary of State's Office](#) or [Download an application for a ballot by mail here](#).

We can accept an application in person directly from the individual voter only before early voting begins. You may also send in your application for a ballot by mail by regular mail; or by common or contract carrier.

Military and Overseas citizens should use the [Federal Postcard Application \(FPCA\)](#).

Note: You do not have to use a formal application; however, an informal application must be in writing and include:

- your signature (or a witness' signature if you cannot sign);
- your name and the address at which you are registered to vote;
- the address to which the ballot is to be mailed;
- the election date and for which election you are requesting a ballot (for a primary election, you must state the political party's primary in which you wish to vote); and,
- a reason why you are eligible to vote early by mail (to be eligible to vote early due to a planned absence from the county, your application must state an address out-of-county to have your ballot mailed).

Your ballot by mail application must be sent to our office if Martin County is the county in which you are registered to vote. Applications must be received (not postmarked) by last day of the application period. All applications to vote by mail must be received in our office no later than 5:00 p.m. Applications to vote by mail must be submitted by mail, common or contract carrier, or fax.