



Charleston County News Release

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Voting Office Open on Saturday, Nov. 3, for Absentee Voters

Charleston County's Board of Elections and Voter Registration Office will be open on Saturday, Nov. 3, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The extended office hours will give voters who cannot go to their local polling location on Tuesday, Nov. 6, an opportunity to vote as an absentee for the Awendaw, Charleston, Isle of Palms, McClellanville, Ravenel or Seabrook Island municipal elections.

Voters who qualify to vote as an absentee can visit the Board of Elections and Voter Registration Office at 4367 Headquarters Road, North Charleston, S.C. Citizens can vote as an absentee any day during normal business hours (8 a.m. – 5 p.m.) until 5 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 5, and during the extended hours on Saturday, Nov. 3, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Voters must qualify using one of 17 reasons to cast a vote using the absentee method. To find out if you qualify to vote as an absentee, call (843) 744-VOTE (8683). You can also visit <http://vote.charlestoncounty.org> for information on absentee voting, district maps, ID card requirements, voter registration, the election process, etc.

The following people are eligible to vote absentee:

- Students, their spouses and dependents residing with them outside their county of residence
- Armed Forces, Merchant Marines, their spouses and dependents residing with them
- Persons serving with the American Red Cross or with the United Service Organizations who are attached to and serving with the Armed Forces
- Employment: Those persons who are required by their employment obligations to be absent from their county of residence or at their place of employment in their county of residence on election day during the hours the polls are open and who will be unable to vote in person
- Persons with physical disabilities
- Governmental employees, their spouses and dependents residing with them who are out of their county of residence on election day during the hours the polls are open
- Persons with a death in the family or persons attending a funeral within a three-day period before the election
- Persons on vacation (who by virtue of vacation plans will be absent from their county of residence and unable to vote in person)
- Poll managers, certified poll watchers, County Registration Board members and staff, and County Election Commission members and staff working on election day
- Overseas citizens
- Persons attending to a sick or physically disabled person
- Persons serving as jurors in state or federal court on election day
- Persons admitted to hospital as an emergency patient on the day of an election or within a four-day period before an election
- Persons 65 years old or older
- Persons confined to a jail or pre-trial facility pending disposition of arrest or trial