

Deadline to Request an Absentee Ballot for the 2020 Special Primary Election for the 7th Congressional District

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Annapolis, Maryland (January 6, 2020) – The Governor issued a proclamation declaring a special election for Maryland’s 7th Congressional District to fill the House of Representatives vacancy. The deadline to request a 2020 Special Primary Election absentee ballot *for mail delivery* is **Tuesday, January 28, 2020**. The deadline to request an absentee ballot for the Special Primary Election *for online delivery* is **Friday, January 31, 2020**. Any voter registered as Democrat or Republican in Maryland’s 7th Congressional District may request and vote by absentee ballot.

A voter who wishes to vote by absentee ballot may request an absentee ballot (1) online for voters with a Maryland driver’s license or MVA-issued ID card; (2) by submitting a signed application; (3) by telephone; (4) in writing; or (5) in person at the Howard County Board of Elections. To request an absentee ballot application from the Howard County Board of Elections, call 410-313-5820 or visit the office at 9770 Patuxent Woods Dr, Suite 200, Columbia, MD 21046 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Voters may also visit elections.maryland.gov/voting/absentee.html to request an absentee ballot online, to print an application, or for more information.

If a voter wishes to receive an absentee ballot **by mail**, the Howard County Board of Elections must **receive** a completed absentee ballot application:

- If the request is mailed, by 8:00 pm on Tuesday, January 28, 2020
- If the request is submitted online or by email or fax, by 11:59 pm on Tuesday, January 28, 2020

If a voter wishes to receive an absentee ballot **online**, the Howard County Board of Elections must **receive** a completed absentee ballot application:

- If the request is mailed, by 5:00 pm on Friday, January 31, 2020
- If the request is submitted online or by email or fax, by 11:59 pm on Friday, January 31, 2020

If a voter misses the applicable deadline, the absentee ballot request must be made **in person** at the Howard County Board of Elections at 9770 Patuxent Woods Dr, Suite 200, Columbia, MD 21046.

The 2020 Special Primary Election for the 7th Congressional District will be held on Tuesday, February 4, 2020. There will be no early voting for the Special Primary Election. Voters can vote by mailing their absentee ballot to their local board of elections or by visiting their polling place on the Special Primary’s election day.

Only voters registered as Democrat or Republican in the 7th Congressional District can vote in the 2020 Special Primary Election. Voters can check to see if they are registered in the 7th Congressional District by visiting: voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch

For more information about the Special Primary Election, please contact Howard County Board of Elections at 410-313-5820 or the State Board of Elections at 1-800-222-VOTE (8683) or visit elections.maryland.gov/elections/2020/special_election_CD7.html

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