



### **WHO CAN VOTE**

To be eligible to vote in Minnesota you must be:

- A US citizen
- At least 18 years old on Election Day
- A resident of Minnesota for 20 days
- Not currently incarcerated for a felony conviction
- You can vote while under guardianship unless a judge specifically has revoked your right to vote
- You cannot vote if a court has ruled that you are legally incompetent
- For a special school district election, you must live in the school district

### **✓ VOTE EARLY BY MAIL/ABSENTEE VOTING**

### **HOW TO APPLY**

Print and complete an absentee ballot application and return it to us by:

#### **Mail**

Big Stone County Auditor-Treasurer  
20 2<sup>nd</sup> St SE  
Ortonville, MN 56278

#### **Email**

[elections@bigstonecounty.gov](mailto:elections@bigstonecounty.gov)

#### **Fax**

320-839-6370

### **WHEN YOU'LL RECEIVE YOUR MAILED BALLOT**

Your ballot will be mailed to you within a day or two of your application being received.

Absentee ballots are mailed starting 46 days before Election Day.

### **HOW TO RETURN YOUR VOTED ABSENTEE BALLOT**

Return your voted ballot by mail or in person.

#### **By mail**

Mail your ballot back in the pre-paid, pre-addressed envelope that was provided with your ballot materials.

Ballots must be received by Election Day.

- If you don't think your ballot will be received in time using regular mail, you may choose to pay for an express delivery service.

#### **In person or drop-off**

Ballots may be returned in person to:

- The Big Stone County Auditor's Office

Return ballots by 8 p.m. on Election Day. You can drop off your ballot and ballots for up to three voters.

## **ACCESSIBLE BALLOT AVAILABLE**

Voters who have impaired vision or difficulty physically marking a ballot can receive a ballot in an accessible format. Voters will still be required to return their ballot in paper form to their local election office.

## **ELECTRONIC BALLOT FOR DEPLOYED EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROVIDERS AND UTILITY WORKERS**

Emergency response providers and utility workers deployed in response to a state of emergency may request to have their ballot sent electronically. Voters will still be required to return their ballot in paper form to their local election office. Contact the Hennepin County Elections office to request an electronic ballot.

### ✓ **VOTE EARLY IN PERSON**

- Absentee Voting begins 46 days before the election.
  - This would be September 22<sup>nd</sup> for the November 7<sup>th</sup> special School District election.
- Auditor's office will be open Saturday October 31<sup>st</sup> from 9-3 for absentee voting.
- The last day to apply for an absentee ballot is November 6<sup>th</sup>. The Auditor's office will remain open until 5PM this day.
- The deadline for all absentee ballots to be returned is 8PM on election day. They must be returned to the Auditor's office. \*\*They **CANNOT** be returned to the polling place.

### ✓ **VOTE BY AGENT**

Voters may authorize an agent to pick up and return an absentee ballot for them. This service is available only within the seven days preceding an election.

Each person/agent is allowed to deliver ballots for a maximum of three voters.

### **YOU CAN ABSENTEE VOTE BY AGENT IF YOU ARE A:**

- Patient in a hospital, residential treatment center, or nursing home
- Resident of a group home
- Resident of a battered women's shelter
- Resident of an assisted living facility
- Disabled voter
- Voter who would have difficulty getting to the polls because of incapacitating health reasons

### **HOW TO VOTE BY AGENT**

1. Choose someone to be your agent who:
  - You have a pre-existing relationship with
  - Is at least 18 years old
  - Is not a candidate in the election
2. Complete both the:
  - Request for agent delivery of absentee ballot form and
  - Absentee ballot application
3. Have your agent bring the completed forms to your local election office.
4. Your agent will be given your ballot to bring to you.
5. Vote your ballot.
6. Have your agent return your voted ballot to the office they picked it up at.
  - Your agent must show an ID with name and signature.
  - Voted ballots must be returned by 8 p.m. on Election Day.