

Remember you must meet one of the qualifications to receive an absentee ballot. An application will be mailed to those requesting a ballot. The application must be completed and returned to the office (in person or by US Mail) to determine if voter meets the absentee voting requirements. If voter qualifies, a ballot will be mailed. Please call the tribal office between the hours of 12-4pm Monday-Friday at 251-829-5000 to request the absentee ballot application.

## INSTRUCTIONS TO ABSENTEE VOTER

### Absentee Voting Eligibility

A voter may cast an absentee ballot if he or she

Will be absent from County on election day.

Is ill or has a physical disability that prevents a trip to the polling place

- IS A REGISTERED MEMBER OF THE MOWA BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS VOTER LIVING OUTSIDE THE COUNTY, such as a member of the armed forces, a voter employed outside the United States, a college student, or a spouse or child of such a person
- IS AN APPOINTED ELECTION OFFICER OR POLL WATCHER at a polling place other than his or her regular polling place
- WORKS A REQUIRED SHIFT, 10-HOURS OR MORE, that coincides with polling hours

**BUSINESS/MEDICAL EMERGENCY VOTING** applications can be made after the absentee deadline but no later than 5 PM on the day before the election, if the voter:

- is required by an employer under unforeseen circumstances to be out of the county on election day for an emergency business trip, or
- has a medical emergency requiring treatment from a licensed physician

*In addition to application information outlined in the next section, the **business emergency application** contains an affidavit acknowledging that the voter was not aware of the out-of-county business trip prior to the normal absentee ballot deadline. The **medical emergency application** requires that the attending physician describe and certify the circumstances as constituting an emergency.*

### Absentee ballot application

To obtain an absentee ballot, write or visit the local Absentee Election Manager, request an absentee ballot, and provide the following:

- name, tribal roll number, and residential address (or other such information in order to verify voter registration)
- election for which the ballot is requested
- reason for absence from polls on election day
- address to which the ballot should be mailed
- voter signature (If a mark is made in place of a signature, it must be witnessed)
- **The absentee ballot application must be returned to the Absentee Election Manager by the voter in person (or by the voter's designee in the case of medical emergency voting) or by U.S. Mail. No absentee ballot application may be mailed in the same envelope as another voter's absentee ballot application.**

Upon receiving the absentee ballot application, the Absentee Election Manager may request additional evidence on the reason for voting absentee if the voter has a history of absentee voting. **The absentee ballot applications must be turned in no later than the 8<sup>th</sup> calendar day before the election, if receiving by mail (9/1/23)**

**Qualifying Candidates**

**Mobile County (District 1)**

John A. Byrd, Jr.

Jacob Rivers

**Mobile County (District 3)**

Joseph Lofton

Debbie Weaver

**Mobile County (District 5)**

Shirley Byrd

Tracie Rivers

**Washington County (District 2)**

None

**Washington County (District 4)**

Claudette Graves

Tommy Rivers

**Councilperson At Large**

Dusty Reed

Maxwell Rivers

Debra Sullivan

**Chief**

Lebaron Byrd

Lance Rivers