

# High Impact Voter Registration

on college campuses in non-swing-states!

Register students from swing states to vote by absentee ballot

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# Overview

The 2008 election will ultimately be determined by the swing states. Increasing voter turnout in swing states is one of the easiest and most effective ways of impacting the upcoming election.

The majority of Americans have no choice where to register. College students, however, are in a unique position: they have the legal right to register at home or on campus. **Students can increase the impact of their vote by casting their ballots in a swing state.**

High impact voter registration is the process of targeting college students *from* swing states, and helping them to register back home and get an absentee ballot

On many college campuses there are hundreds or thousands of students from swing states. **An on-the-ground person-to-person campaign is unmatched in effectiveness for reaching these voters.**

This guide includes everything you need to conduct a high impact voter registration drive.

## 2008 Swing States

Sources: <http://www.politico.com/convention/swingstate.html> and <http://www.realclearpolitics.com/>

- Colorado (9 electoral votes)
- Florida (27 electoral votes)
- Iowa (7 electoral votes)
- Michigan (17 electoral votes)
- Missouri (11 electoral votes)
- Nevada (5 electoral votes)
- New Hampshire (4 electoral votes)
- New Mexico (5 electoral votes)
- Ohio (20 electoral votes)
- Pennsylvania (21 electoral votes)
- Virginia (13 electoral votes)
- Wisconsin (10 electoral votes)

**Of the swing states, these are considered the most critical "battleground" states:  
Colorado, Florida, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia.**

If you want to help students register & request absentee ballots "back home" in more states than these, go ahead! We provide support for most other states too.

# Locating your target audience

**If you live in a red or blue state:** go to <http://votebackhome.com> and check out the list of the top 300 schools with the greatest number of students from swing states. At some schools as many as 25% of the students are from swing states. These are your targeted swing state voters. They'll need to register and request an absentee ballot.

Some students have already registered online or elsewhere; everyone has been besieged by emails about it, but **most students haven't registered and even fewer have requested an absentee ballot.** Your target audience is the students who didn't do it on their own, so they are not necessarily going to wander over to your table. Approach them directly. Here is a typical conversation:

Volunteer: Excuse me. Are you registered to vote?

Student: Yes.

Volunteer: Glad to hear that. In what state?

Student: Colorado.

Volunteer: Oh! That's expected to be a very close race. Have you requested an absentee ballot?

Student: Well, not yet.

Volunteer: Let me help you do that. We can do it right here, I'll even mail it out for you.

## Logistics & how to use this guide

We have prepared a 3-page "voter registration packet" for each swing state, and for a lot of other states too. Each packet consists of one page of state-specific directions followed by a state-specific Voter Registration Form and a state-specific Absentee Ballot Request.

A sample 3-page "voter registration packet" (Virginia's) is appended to this document. All the others are available online at <http://votebackhome.com/states>. You can print these out in numbers proportionate to the state-of-origin enrollment figures for your college, which can be found at [votebackhome.com](http://votebackhome.com)

You will encounter students who want to vote back home in non-swing states. If you feel you can keep track of enough different state packets, you can accommodate these students too. We will post 3-page packets for as many states as possible at <http://votebackhome.com/states>. It's up to you if you want to help only students from swing states, or from other states too. You can check out which home states have large representation at each school, at <http://votebackhome.com>

1. Give each student a packet for his/her home state, while you remain available to answer questions. **Make a copy of their ID!** This essential for most states and it is much easier to do it now than to try to get it later. Even for the few states that don't require it, it is a very good idea. For instance Florida is attempting to deny voting rights to students who list a Florida residence address that differs in any way from their address on file for drivers license. By getting a copy of ID you can make sure these match exactly. **See below about inexpensive and portable ways to make copies**
2. Make sure the forms are completed, including the contact info on the directions page. You will need the contact information in case of any complication, and also to follow up with the student to remind them to vote in person or to send in their absentee ballot (yes, this is very necessary, which is why you get so many calls on election day reminding you to vote)

3. Keep the completed 3-page packet in a safe place.
4. Good idea: give the student a postage stamp to keep for mailing their ballot! Feel free to accept \$1 for this and the cost of the stamp you will use to send in their forms.
5. Take your completed packets, go home and check them over. **A lot of people aren't sure of their county, and may leave "county" blank on their forms.** You can look up the counties at <http://quickfacts.census.gov/cgi-bin/qfd/lookup> and complete the form.
6. Especially, **make sure the students have used their home residence address**, not their campus address. **Make sure it matches their ID.** The only place the campus address should appear is where requested on the Absentee Ballot Request, as a mailing address for a ballot.
7. **Look up the address of the correct county-level election authority at [longdistancevoter.org](http://longdistancevoter.org)** Even though registrations can be handled by the state or the county-level authority, Absentee Ballot Requests are **ONLY** handled by the county-level authority, so that is the address you should use for both forms.
8. Put each student's Voter Registration Form and absentee ballot application into one envelope and mail the forms to the student's **county-level** election authority, NOT to the state authority! **Do not mix different students' forms in one envelope. Each envelope should have the form(s) for one student. Mail them right away.**
9. Good idea: email the student and tell him/her you have sent in the registration and/or absentee ballot request.
10. For your own sanity, enter the students' contact information into some sort of spreadsheet.

## Materials needed for a voter registration drive:

- One voter registration packet for each student you plan on registering. A packet consists of a one-page direction sheet, a Voter Registration Form, and an absentee ballot application.
  - You will need packets for each of the swing states, because on campus you will find students from each of the swing states. You can print packets in proportion to the number of students from each swing state. Look up the number from each state at <http://votebackhome.com>
  - Packets: you can find a 3-page pdf for each state at <http://votebackhome.com/states>
  - If you wish, you can print packets for other states too, if there are a lot of students from some of those states on your campus.
- Access to a photocopier (for making copies of ID, which many states require, and is a good idea for all states). Below are four ways to do it. Don't skip this step! It is much harder to get IDs later, and you will lose a lot of voters.
  1. If there's a real photocopier nearby, great.
  2. You can use an all-in-one printer/scanner as a copier. These cost about \$70, and many students already have them. You'll need a spare ink cartridge.

3. If you won't have access to an electrical outlet, you can use a USB-powered scanner (e.g. CanoScan LiDE, ~\$50) with a laptop running on battery, to save scans to your laptop, and print them later.
  4. You can also use a digital camera to take a photo of the ID, and then print a copy later. This is more trouble and you have to train your volunteers to take good pictures (in focus, not too much glare)
- Envelopes and stamps, clipboards and pens, and perhaps a banner or flyers for getting attention.
  - Get some free advertizing by talking to a reporter for the campus newspaper.

## FAQ

Why does it matter where someone votes?

The president isn't elected by a nation-wide (popular) vote. Instead, votes are counted state by state, and each state goes to either Obama or McCain.

Some states are sure to go for McCain (red states) and some to Obama (blue states). About a dozen could go either way. These are the "swing states," and they will determine the next president of the United States.

Most people don't have a choice of two states, but students do: a home state and a school state! Students can have the most impact by voting in a swing state.

What if a voter is already registered locally, can he/she still vote back home?

Yes, he/she can register at home, but should only vote in one or the other.

Is voter registration info used for selective service (the draft)?

No.

Will this affect a student's residency status for in-state tuition purposes at public colleges?

At most public colleges, no, but check at your college.

Do you need more volunteers?

Yes!

Is it bribery to give someone a stamp (or two)?

It's legally ok to pay for the cost of stamps when running a voter registration drive. Or, try this: suggest a \$1 donation to cover the stamp you will use, and also give the student a stamp to keep for mailing the ballot when it arrives.

# Useful facts on college-age swing state voters

- Pennsylvania --- 76,632 Pennsylvania students are away at college in other states.
- Ohio --- 62,484 Ohioans are away at college in other states.
- Florida --- 50,452 Floridians are away at college in other states.
- Virginia --- 49,640 Virginians are away at college in other states.
- Wisconsin --- 38,708 are away at college in other states.
- Michigan --- 36,560 Michiganders are away at college in other states.
- Colorado --- 32,108 Coloradoans are away at college in other states.
- Missouri --- 31,884 are away at college in other states.
- Indiana --- 29,380 Hoosiers are away at college in other states.
- Iowa --- 16,948 Iowans are away at college in other states.
- New Mexico --- 12,700 are away at college in other states.
- Nevada --- 10,368 are away at college in other states.

Of the 600,000 students from swing states who are attending college in other states, you will find large numbers of them at some colleges, and few at others. Check the listings for each college at to see how many to expect, and from which states at [votebackhome.com](http://votebackhome.com)

Remember, absentee voting is more complicated than in person voting, and **a lot of those 600,000 out-of-state students will otherwise not vote**. That's why your efforts are so important!

Here are the most frequent states-of-origin for two schools. Swing states are highlighted.

Northwestern University, Evanston IL Total 7100 students, 26% from swing states				Syracuse University, New York Total 10400 students, 16% from swing states			
Illinois	1836	Maryland	196	New York	4316	Illinois	188
California	668	●Pennsylvania	<b>156</b>	New Jersey	1192	●Virginia	<b>188</b>
New York	484	●Missouri	<b>152</b>	Massachusetts	1104	New Hampshire	172
●Ohio	<b>352</b>	●Indiana	<b>116</b>	●Pennsylvania	<b>852</b>	●Florida	<b>140</b>
●Minnesota	<b>328</b>	Connecticut	108	Connecticut	452	Maine	120
Texas	304	Washington	108	Maryland	300	Vermont	100
●Florida	<b>268</b>	●Georgia	<b>104</b>	California	284	Texas	96
●Wisconsin	<b>256</b>	●Virginia	<b>104</b>	●Ohio	<b>200</b>	●Michigan	<b>88</b>
New Jersey	248	●Colorado	<b>88</b>				
Massachusetts	240	●Iowa	<b>88</b>				
●Michigan	<b>208</b>						

# Deadlines

Note: Absentee Ballot Request deadlines are later than Voter Registration deadlines. If you're putting a Voter Registration form and an Absentee Ballot Request in the same envelope, however, both are due by the **voter registration deadline**.

State	2008 Voter Registration Deadline	Postmarked or Received
Alabama	October 24, 2008	Postmarked
Alaska	October 5, 2008	Postmarked
Arizona	October 6, 2008	Postmarked
Arkansas	October 6, 2008	Postmarked
California	October 20, 2008	Postmarked
Colorado	October 6, 2008	Postmarked
Connecticut	October 21, 2008	Postmarked
Delaware	October 11, 2008	Postmarked
District of Columbia	October 6, 2008	Postmarked
Florida	October 6, 2008	Postmarked
Georgia	October 6, 2008	Postmarked
Hawaii	October 6, 2008	Received
Idaho	October 10, 2008	Postmarked
Illinois	October 7, 2008	Postmarked
Indiana	October 6, 2008	Postmarked or Received
Iowa	October 20, 2008 (postmarked), October 25, 2008 (received)	Or Election Day (in person)
Kansas	October 20, 2008	Postmarked
Kentucky	October 6, 2008	Received
Louisiana	October 6, 2008	Postmarked
Maine	October 14, 2008 (by mail)	Received
Maryland	October 14, 2008	Postmarked
Massachusetts	October 15, 2008	Postmarked
Michigan	October 6, 2008	Postmarked
Minnesota	October 14, 2008 (by mail), Election Day (in person)	Received
Mississippi	October 3, 2008	Postmarked
Missouri	October 8, 2008	Postmarked
Montana	October 4, 2008	Postmarked
Nebraska	October 17, 2008	Postmarked
Nevada	October 14, 2008	Received
New Hampshire	October 25, 2008 (by mail), Election Day (in person)	Received
New Jersey	October 14, 2008	Postmarked
New Mexico	October 7, 2008	Postmarked
New York	October 10, 2008	Postmarked
North Carolina	October 10, 2008	Postmarked
North Dakota	N/A	N/A
Ohio	October 6, 2008	Postmarked
Oklahoma	October 10, 2008	Postmarked
Oregon	October 14, 2008	Postmarked
Pennsylvania	October 6, 2008	Postmarked
Rhode Island	October 4, 2008	Postmarked
South Carolina	October 4, 2008	Postmarked
South Dakota	October 20, 2008	Received
Tennessee	October 6, 2008	Postmarked
Texas	October 6, 2008	Postmarked
Utah	October 4, 2008	Postmarked
Vermont	October 29, 2008	Received
Virginia	October 6, 2008	Postmarked
Washington	October 20, 2008	Postmarked
West Virginia	October 14, 2008	Postmarked
Wisconsin	October 15, 2008 (by mail) Election Day (in person)	Postmarked
Wyoming	October 6, 2008 (by mail) Election Day (in person)	Received



Voter Registration and  
Absentee Ballot Requests  
for *Swing States*  
(and all states)

*Volunteers Needed!*

**CO FL GA IA IN MI MN MO NC NH NM NV OH PA VA WI**

Below is a 3-page packet for ONE state, Virginia.

This is a sample.

Find the 3-page packets for all the states you need at  
<http://votebackhome.com/states>

You can email these pdf's to Kinko's or any copy store, and they can print them in 3-page stapled sets, in the quantity you specify.

Estimate how many you need for each state, by using the enrollment figures for your college at <http://votebackhome.com>

On the previous page is a banner that can be printed 5 feet wide.

Most Fedex/Kinkos locations can do this. They call this a "paper banner" and they can make them from any original, black and white, 2 or 3 feet wide, for \$0.75/sq ft so the banner (2x5 feet) costs \$7.50 or so.

# Voter Registration and absentee ballot request

# Virginia

**Special notes for Virginia:** Virginia requires a copy of your driver's license or other ID.  
Virginia requires that you put your **full Social Security number** on the form. (Weird but true.)

1. Fill out the Voter Registration Form. Use your **residence address** in Virginia, that corresponds to your drivers license or other ID
2.  If you aren't sure of your county check here and we'll look it up for you. Your "municipality" is just the name of your city town village etc.
3. If you want to vote by mail, fill out the Absentee Ballot Request. Give your residence address in Virginia, and also your mailing address for an absentee ballot. If you plan to vote in person, do not fill out the Absentee Ballot request.
4. Most states require a drivers license number, or a non-drivers state ID number, or part of a social security number
5. Most states require a copy of your ID. **We'll help you copy your ID right here.**
6. Fill out your contact info below, so that we can reach you if necessary.
7. Staple or clip this sheet and the Voter Registration Form and the Absentee Ballot Request together and **give it to the VR volunteer.**
8. We'll look up the correct county clerk or election board for your state & county, and mail it for you right away.
9. Watch for your ballot in the mail.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

- I requested an absentee ballot; I will vote by mail
- I did not request an absentee ballot; I plan to vote in person.
- I'm interested in volunteering; please contact me

**Organizer:** Look up the county if necessary at <http://quickfacts.census.gov/cgi-bin/qfd/lookup>  
Send this absentee ballot request and this voter registration form together to the county-level election authority.  
Find the correct mailing at <http://longdistancevoter.org> Use the address given for absentee ballot requests  
Do not send absentee ballot requests to the state election authority. Do not send the forms to different destinations.

# VIRGINIA VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION FORM

*Use this form to register to vote in Virginia or report a change in name or address.*

To register to vote in Virginia, you must:

- ✓ Be a **United States citizen**
- ✓ Be a **resident of Virginia**
- ✓ Be **18 years old by the next general election**
- ✓ Have **had your voting rights restored** if you have ever been convicted of a felony
- ✓ Have **had your capacity restored** if you have ever been declared mentally incapacitated in a Circuit Court.

**IMPORTANT!**

**DEADLINE: 29 DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION**

This form must be postmarked (or delivered to the county or city voter registration office or DMV) no later than 29 days before the election in which you plan to vote. However, if you are already registered to vote at your current address, you do not need to re-register. Photocopies of this application are accepted with an original signature. The only time faxes are accepted is for an address change.

**PRIVACY ACT NOTICE:** Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution of Virginia (1971) requires that a person registering to vote provide his or her social security number, if any. Therefore, if you do not provide your social security number, your application for voter registration will be denied. Section 7 of the Federal Privacy Act (Public Law Number 93-579) allows the Commonwealth to enforce this requirement, but also requires that you be advised that state and local voting officials will use the social security number as a unique identifier to ensure that no person is registered in more than one place. This registration card will not be open to inspection by the public. Your social security number will appear on reports produced only for official use by voter registration and election officials, and for jury selection purposes by courts.

**WARNING:** INTENTIONALLY MAKING A FALSE STATEMENT ON THE VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION CONSTITUTES THE CRIME OF ELECTION FRAUD, WHICH IS PUNISHABLE UNDER VIRGINIA LAW AS A FELONY. VIOLATORS MAY BE SENTENCED TO UP TO 10 YEARS IMPRISONMENT, OR UP TO 12 MONTHS IN JAIL, AND FINED UP TO \$2,500.

**ATTENTION: You must answer the boxes 1 – 11. If you do not complete all of the specified boxes your application will be denied. Once your local registrar approves your application, you should receive a voter card.**

1	<b>Commonwealth of Virginia</b>		
	<b>PREVIOUS VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION (REQUIRED)</b>		
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>NO</b> I have never registered to vote in the past. <span style="float: right;">▶ <i>If NO, skip to Box 2.</i></span>		
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>YES</b> I am registered to vote at another address in Virginia or in another state. <span style="float: right;">▶ <i>If YES, the information below must be completed.</i></span>		
	FULL LEGAL NAME _____		DATE OF BIRTH _____
ADDRESS AT WHICH YOU WERE PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED TO VOTE _____		LAST 4 DIGITS OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____	
CITY/TOWN _____		STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____	
CITY/COUNTY/TOWN OF RESIDENCE (IF APPLICABLE) _____			
This cancellation information will be sent to the county or city and state you entered above. <span style="float: right;">VIRGINIA - 1</span>			

2	<b>Are you a citizen of the United States of America?</b>		<b>Will you be 18 years of age on or before election day?</b>		<b>If you checked 'no' in response to either of these questions, do not complete this form.</b>				
	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO						
3	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____		4	GENDER <input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE		5	DATE OF BIRTH ____/____/____ M M D D Y Y Y Y		
	LAST NAME [Print] _____			FIRST NAME _____ FULL MIDDLE OR MAIDEN NAME _____ SUFFIX [JR., SR., III, ETC.] _____			DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER _____		
6	RESIDENCE /HOME ADDRESS (IF RURAL ADDRESS, DESCRIBE BELOW) _____		APT/UNIT/LOT/RM/SUITE _____		CITY OR TOWN _____		ZIP CODE _____		
	IF RURAL ADDRESS, DESCRIBE WHERE YOUR HOUSE IS LOCATED (I.E., WHAT IS THE STATE ROAD NUMBER WHERE YOUR HOUSE IS LOCATED? WHICH SIDE OF THE ROAD – NORTH, EAST, ETC.; NEAREST LANDMARK)								
7	MAILING ADDRESS (if different) VIRGINIA P. O. BOX OR UNIFORMED SERVICE ADDRESS, IF APPLICABLE [INCLUDE ZIP CODE] _____					8	NAME OF CITY OR COUNTY OF RESIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> CITY OR <input type="checkbox"/> COUNTY OF _____		
9	• HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		10	• HAVE YOU EVER BEEN JUDGED MENTALLY INCAPACITATED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
	• IF YES, HAVE YOUR VOTING RIGHTS BEEN RESTORED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			• IF YES, HAS COURT RESTORED YOU TO CAPACITY? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO					
		• IF YES, WHEN RESTORED? (REQUIRED) MO _____ DAY _____ YEAR _____		• IF YES, WHEN RESTORED? (REQUIRED) MO _____ DAY _____ YEAR _____					
11	<b>REGISTRATION STATEMENT:</b> I SWEAR/AFFIRM, UNDER FELONY PENALTY FOR MAKING WILLFULLY FALSE MATERIAL STATEMENTS OR ENTRIES, THAT I AM A U.S. CITIZEN AND A RESIDENT OF VIRGINIA, THE INFORMATION I HAVE PROVIDED ON THIS FORM IS TRUE, I AUTHORIZE THE CANCELLATION (ENTERED IN BOX 1 ABOVE) OF MY CURRENT REGISTRATION, AND I HAVE READ THE PRIVACY ACT NOTICE ABOVE.								
	↓ <b>REMINDER: SIGN HERE FOR VOTER REGISTRATION (OR MARK IF UNABLE TO SIGN).</b>								
	SIGN HERE ▶ _____		DATE → _____						
If applicant is unable to sign, write below the name/address of person who assisted: (REQUIRED)									

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I am interested in working as an Election Official on Election Day. Please send me information.		You may request that your home address not be released if you (a) are <b>active or retired law enforcement</b> , or (b) have been granted a <b>protective court order</b> , or (c) are in fear of your personal safety from someone who has <b>threatened or stalked</b> you and have filed a complaint against that person with a magistrate or law enforcement (must attach copy of complaint). You must show a Virginia P.O. box under mailing address in Box 7 above.					<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if you have a disability that requires accommodation in order to vote.		
		<input type="checkbox"/> ACTIVE/RET LAW ENFORCEMENT		<input type="checkbox"/> PROTECTIVE COURT ORDER		<input type="checkbox"/> THREATENED/STALKED			
REGISTRATION DATE	PCT	TOWN CODE	DENIAL DATE & REASON			COMMENTS			

Commonwealth of Virginia  
**ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION**

A SEPARATE FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR EACH PERSON FOR EACH ELECTION

I AM A REGISTERED VOTER IN THE COUNTY/CITY OF \_\_\_\_\_  
 I AM APPLYING TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT IN THE FOLLOWING ELECTION . . .  
 GENERAL OR SPECIAL OR  DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY OR  REPUBLICAN PRIMARY  
 TO BE HELD ON \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_

<b>OFFICE USE ONLY</b>	APPLICATION NO. _____
PCT _____	DIST _____
DATE RECEIVED _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> IN PERSON	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PERSON - BALLOT TO BE MAILED
<input type="checkbox"/> BY MAIL	<input type="checkbox"/> BY FAX
<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
APPLICATION ACCEPTED	REASON DENIED _____
REVIEWED BY _____	

BALLOTS MAILED ONLY IF PARTS A THROUGH E ARE COMPLETED. MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR ANY FALSE STATEMENT: \$2500 FINE AND/OR 10 YRS IN JAIL.

**PART A** I will be absent on election day or I cannot go to the polls because: [Check one box only in Part A. Provide required information.]  
 EXCEPTION: "FIRST TIME VOTERS IN VIRGINIA" who registered to vote by mail MAY VOTE BY MAIL ONLY IF THE REASON CODE IN PART A IS 1A, 2A, 6A, 6B, 6C OR 6D.

**STUDENT**  
 1A  I am a student attending OR 1B  I am the spouse of a student attending . . .  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 NAME AND ADDRESS OF SCHOOL OUTSIDE MY COUNTY/CITY [REQUIRED FOR 1A AND 1B]

**CARE GIVER**  
 2B  I am the primary care giver for a family member whose name is \_\_\_\_\_  
 [REQUIRED]  
 and whose illness or disability is \_\_\_\_\_ [REQUIRED]

**BUSINESS**  
 1C  I will be outside my county/city of residence on business  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 NAME OF EMPLOYER OR BUSINESS [REQUIRED]

**CONFINEMENT**  
 3A  I am confined, awaiting trial, OR  
 3B  I am confined, having been convicted of a misdemeanor in . . .  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 PLACE OF CONFINEMENT AND ADDRESS [REQUIRED FOR 3A AND 3B]

**PERSONAL BUSINESS OR VACATION**  
 1D  I will be traveling outside my county/city on personal business or vacation  
 PLACE OF TRAVEL: \_\_\_\_\_ [REQUIRED]


**ELECTION OFFICIAL**  
 4A  I am an Electoral Board member, a Registrar, an Officer of Election, or a custodian of voting equipment

**WORKING AND COMMUTING TO AND FROM HOME FOR 11 OR MORE HOURS BETWEEN 6:00 AM AND 7:00 PM**  
 1E  I will be working and commuting on election day  
 From \_\_\_\_\_ AM to \_\_\_\_\_ PM [REQUIRED]  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 NAME OF EMPLOYER OR BUSINESS [REQUIRED]  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER OR BUSINESS [REQUIRED]

**RELIGION**  
 5A  I have a religious obligation  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 RELIGION AND NATURE OF OBLIGATION [REQUIRED]  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
**U.S. UNIFORMED SERVICES**  
 6A  I am on active duty in the Merchant Marine or Armed Forces, OR  
 6B  I am the spouse or a dependent residing with the above 6A  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 BRANCH OF SERVICE, RANK, GRADE OR RATE, SERVICE ID [REQUIRED FOR 6A AND 6B]

**DISABILITY OR ILLNESS**  
 2A  I have a physical disability or physical illness  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 NATURE OF PHYSICAL DISABILITY OR PHYSICAL ILLNESS [REQUIRED]

**TEMPORARILY RESIDING OUTSIDE U.S.**  
 6C  I am temporarily residing outside the continental limits of the U.S.  
 6D  I am temporarily residing outside the continental limits of the U.S. for the purposes of employment or I am the spouse or dependent thereof  
 LAST DATE OF RESIDENCE IN VIRGINIA: \_\_\_\_\_  
 [ONLY REQUIRED IF YOUR RESIDENCE IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE TO YOU]

**PART B** Ballot can be mailed only to:  
 Address where you are registered, OR  
 Address while absent from county/city  
 The ballot cannot be sent "in care of"  


See Absentee Voting IN PERSON on reverse side and where ballot can be mailed information at left.  
 I am voting BY MAIL. Send the ballot to me at the following address . . .

**PART C** Assistance: I will need help in marking my ballot because of a physical disability, blindness, or inability to read or write.  
 Yes  No [If Yes, a required form is sent with the ballot]

**PART D** Absentee Voter's Statement  
 I declare under penalty of law that, to the best of my knowledge, . . .  
 • The facts contained in this application are true and correct  
 • I have not and will not vote in this election at any other place in Virginia or in any other state

**PART E** Assistant's Statement REQUIRED ONLY IF VOTER CANNOT SIGN OR WRITE FOR REASONS STATED IN PART C  
 I declare, under penalty of law, that . . .  
 • I have written on applicant's signature line: "Applicant Unable to Sign"  
 • I have signed and provided requested information below

\*Printed Full Name of Absentee Voter [Required]  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*Legal Virginia Residence Address [Required]  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/Town [Required] \_\_\_\_\_ Zip [Required] \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last 4 digits of your Social Security Number [Required] \_\_\_\_\_ Area Code \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Applicant [Required] \_\_\_\_\_ Date [Required] \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Full Name of Witness  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address of Witness  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Assistant [18 or older]  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Knowingly giving any untrue information in this document is a felony under Virginia law. The maximum penalty is a fine of \$2500 and/or confinement for up to ten years. You also lose your right to vote.

Check here – if this is a change of NAME or ADDRESS  
 \*  Then, complete PART F on the reverse side of this form.