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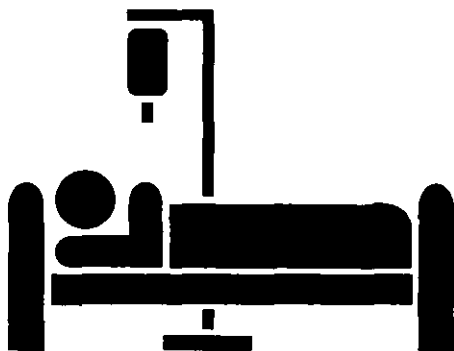
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# ***IN THE HOSPITAL?***



## **DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!**

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**Absentee Voting Office**

Phone (301) 217-6460

Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 am. - 5:00 p.m.

**24-Hour Absentee Information**

**(301) 217-6480**

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**  
**ABOUT VOTING WHILE**  
**HOSPITALIZED OR CONFINED**

**Q.** *I will be in the hospital until after the election. May I vote in the upcoming election?*

**A.** YES. Call the 24-hour Absentee Information Line to request an absentee ballot application be mailed to you. The completed application must reach the elections office at least 7 days before the election. When you receive your ballot, follow the instructions for voting and returning the ballot in a timely manner.

**Q.** *I will enter the hospital for surgery the day before the election. How can I still vote?*

**A.** You may come to the elections office to obtain your absentee ballot in person or call the 24-hour Absentee Information Line to request an application be mailed to you. Return your completed application to the elections office at least 7 days before the election to receive your ballot by mail. When you receive your ballot, follow the instructions for voting and returning the ballot in a timely manner.

**Q. *I will be released from the hospital several days before the election, but will not be able to go to my polling place on election day. How can I vote?***

**A.** Request an absentee ballot application by calling the 24-hour Absentee Information Line. Return your completed application to the elections office at least 7 days before the election to receive your ballot by mail. When you receive your ballot, follow the instructions for voting and returning the ballot in a timely manner.

**Q. *My husband was admitted to the hospital today, 5 days before the election. His physician thinks he will be there at least a week. Is there any way he can vote?***

**A.** YES. Your husband may designate another Montgomery County registered voter to act as his agent by completing all of the following steps:

1. The agent must come to the elections office to obtain an Emergency Absentee Ballot Application.
2. Deliver the application to your husband for completion.
3. When the agent returns the completed application to the elections office, your husband's ballot will be issued to the agent.

4. The agent must deliver the ballot to your husband to vote.
5. Return the voted ballot to the elections office by 8:00 p.m. on election day.

**Q. *I am a resident of a nursing home. What should I do to vote?***

**A.** Nursing home residents may vote by absentee ballot. Contact your patient representative to see if your facility participates in the absentee voting program sponsored by the elections office or call the elections office for information.

**Q. *I am a resident of a state mental institution. Am I still entitled to vote?***

**A.** A resident of a mental institution is permitted to vote by absentee ballot unless under guardianship. Contact your counselor, who may be arranging with the elections office for a group of residents to vote by absentee ballot. If not, call or write the elections office.

**24-Hour Absentee**  
**Information Line**  
**(301) 217-6480**

## **ABSENTEE APPLICATION**

1. Call the Supervisors of Elections — Absentee Voting Office at (301) 217-6460 to request an absentee ballot application.
2. Complete the application and return it no later than 7 days prior to the election.
3. After receipt of your ballot, follow the instructions for voting and returning the ballot in a timely manner.

## **EMERGENCY APPLICATION**

### **7 days or less to election day**

If you cannot complete the procedure in person you may choose a registered Montgomery County voter to act as your agent as follows:

1. The agent must come to the elections office to obtain the Emergency Absentee Ballot Application.
2. The agent must deliver the Emergency Absentee Ballot Application to the voter for completion.
3. When the agent returns the completed application to the elections office, the ballot will be issued.
4. The agent must deliver the ballot to the voter to be voted.
5. The agent must return the voted ballot to the elections office before 8:00 p.m. on election day.

## **1998 ELECTION DATES**

Last day for change of  
party affiliation ..... June 22, 1998

Last day to register for  
Primary Election ..... August 17, 1998

Last day for receipt of  
non-emergency absentee  
ballot application for  
Primary Election ..... September 8, 1998

Primary Election Day ... September 15, 1998

Registration reopens ... September 28, 1998

Last day to register for  
General Election ..... October 5, 1998

Last day for receipt of  
non-emergency absentee  
ballot application for  
General Election ..... October 27, 1998

General Election Day ..... November 3, 1998

Registration reopens ..... November 19, 1998

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