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State	All Vote-By-Mail	No Excuse Absentee	Absentee Ballot Request Deadline	Processing Time for Election Officials to Transmit Ballot	Return Deadline	Postmark State
Alabama	No	Yes*	5 days before the election.	1 business day.	Postmarked *before* Election Day and received by noon on Election Day.	No
Alaska	No (but authorized at the discretion of the director of the division of elections)	Yes	10 days before an election (for mailed ballots).	No clear statutory timeframe.	Postmarked by Election Day and received 10 days after the election.	Yes
Arizona	No	Yes	11 days before the election.	48 hours for requests made within 27 days before the election.	7:00 p.m. Election Day.	No
Arkansas	No	Yes*	7 days before the election.	No clear statutory timeframe.	7:30 p.m. Election Day.	No
California	Yes	Yes (all VBM)	Most registration forms must be postmarked 15 days before the election.	5 days after registration received.	Postmarked by Election Day and received 17 days after the election.	Yes
Colorado	Yes	Yes (all VBM)	Registration must be postmarked 8 days before the election.	2 business days.	7:00 p.m. Election Day.	No
Connecticut	No	Yes*	No deadline (but applications are not sent or processed on Election Day).	48 hours.	Close of polls on Election Day.	No
Delaware	No	Yes	1 day before the election, ballots typically mailed to voters until 4 days before the election.	Ballots may be mailed until 4 days before the election.	Close of polls on Election Day.	No
District of Columbia	Yes	Yes	7 days before the election (but unclear deadline for Nov.).	No clear statutory timeframe for November.	Postmarked by Election Day and received 7 days after the election.	Yes
Florida	No	Yes	10 days before the election.	Ballots may be mailed until 8 days before the election.	7:00 p.m. Election Day.	No
Georgia	No	Yes	Friday before the election (according to Secretary of State, no clear statutory deadline).	No clear statutory timeframe.	Close of polls on Election Day.	No
Hawaii	Yes	Yes (all VBM)	Registration closes the 30 days before the election.	Ballots typically mailed no later than 14 days before the election.	Close of polls on Election Day.	No
Idaho	No	Yes	11 days before the election.	No clear statutory timeframe.	8:00 p.m. Election Day.	No
Illinois	No	Yes	5 days before the election.	2 business days.	Postmarked by Election Day and received by the time for counting provisional ballots (within 14 days of the election).	Yes
Indiana	No	No	12 days before the election.	Ballot must be transmitted on the day of receipt of the application.	Noon on Election Day.	No
Iowa	No	Yes	11 days before the election (or postmarked the 15th day before the election).	24 hours.	Postmarked the day *before* Election Day and received by noon the Monday after the election (or the time for canvass, if earlier).	Yes
Kansas	No	Yes	Tuesday before the election.	2 business days.	Postmarked by Election Day and received 3 days after the election.	Yes
Kentucky	No	No	7 days before the election.	3 days.	Close of polls on Election Day.	No
Louisiana	No	No	4 days before the election.	No clear statutory timeframe.	4:30 p.m. the day *before* Election Day.	No
Maine	No	Yes	3 business days before the election.	No clear statutory timeframe.	Close of polls on Election Day.	No
Maryland	No	Yes	Tuesday before the election.	No clear statutory timeframe.	Postmarked by Election Day and received by 10 a.m. the second Friday after the election.	Yes
Massachusetts	No	Yes	4 business days before the election.	No clear statutory timeframe.	Postmarked by Election Day and received 3 days after the election.	Yes
Michigan	No	Yes	Election officials will not mail ballots after 5:00 p.m. the Friday immediately before the election.	Election officials will not mail ballots after 5:00 p.m. the Friday immediately before the election.	Close of polls on Election Day.	No
Minnesota	No	Yes	1 day before the election.	No clear statutory timeframe.	Postmarked by Election Day and received 7 days after the election.	Yes
Mississippi	No	No	Appears to be postmarked by Election Day and received 5 days after the election.	1 business day/24 hours	Postmarked by Election Day and received 5 days after the election.	Yes
Missouri	No	Yes*	Second Wednesday immediately before the election.	3 business days.	Close of polls on Election Day.	No
Montana	No	Yes	1 day before the election.	No clear statutory timeframe.	8:00 p.m. Election Day.	No
Nebraska	No	Yes	Second Friday before the election.	No clear statutory timeframe.	Close of polls on Election Day.	No
Nevada	Yes	Yes	14 days before the election (for absentee request).	No clear statutory timeframe for absentee ballot. Ballots mailed to active registered in-state voters 20 days before the election; out-of-state voters 40 days before the election.	Postmarked by Election Day and received 7 days after the election.	Yes

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New Hampshire	No	Yes*	No deadline (no clear information on Secretary of State's website).	No clear statutory timeframe.	Close of polls on Election Day.	No
New Jersey	No	Yes	7 days before the election.	2 business days.	Postmarked by Election Day and received 48 hours after the close of polls.	Yes
New Mexico	No	Yes	October 20, 2020.	24 hours.	7:00 p.m. Election Day.	No
New York	No	No	Voters must "mail" applications 7 days before the election (appears to be postmarked by, not received by).	No clear statutory timeframe.	Postmarked by Election Day and received 7 days after the election.	Yes
North Carolina	No	Yes	Tuesday before the election.	No clear statutory timeframe.	Postmarked by Election Day and received 3 days after the election.	Yes
North Dakota	No	Yes	No deadline, but Secretary of State advises that an application may be made at any time.	No clear statutory timeframe.	received in time for the county canvass (6th day following the election).	Yes
Ohio	No	Yes	3 days before the election.	No clear statutory timeframe.	Postmarked *before* Election Day and received 10 days after the election.	Yes
Oklahoma	No	Yes	Tuesday before the election.	48 hours.	7:00 p.m. Election Day.	No
Oregon	Yes	Yes (all VBM)	Registration must be postmarked 21 days before the election.	Ballots are generally mailed no later than 14 days before the election.	8:00 p.m. Election Day.	No
Pennsylvania	No	Yes	Tuesday before the election.	48 hours.	8:00 p.m. Election Day.	No
Rhode Island	No	Yes	21 days before the election.	Applications certified 7 days after receiving application.	Close of polls on Election Day.	No
South Carolina	No	No	4 days before the election.	No clear statutory timeframe.	Close of polls on Election Day.	No
South Dakota	No	Yes	1 day before the election.	48 hours.	Close of polls on Election Day.	No
Tennessee	No	Yes*	7 days before the election.	No clear statutory timeframe.	Close of polls on Election Day.	No
Texas	No	No	11 days before the election.	7 days.	Postmarked by Election Day and received the day after the election.	Yes
Utah	Yes	Yes (all VBM)	Registration deadline is 11 days before the election.	Ballots may be mailed until 7 days before the election.	Postmarked *before* Election Day and received in time for the official canvass (7-14 days after the election).	Yes
Vermont	Yes (if ordered by Secretary of State)	Yes	1 day before the election (but unclear deadline for Nov.)	No clear statutory timeframe for November.	Close of polls on Election Day.	No
Virginia	No	Yes	11 days before the election.	3 business days.	Postmarked by Election Day and received 3 days after election.	Yes
Washington	Yes	Yes (all VBM)	Registration application received 8 days before the election.	No clear statutory timeframe.	Postmarked by Election Day and received by the day before certification (21 days after the general).	Yes
West Virginia	No	Yes*	6 days before the election.	1 day.	Returned the day *after* Election Day, or postmarked by Election Day and received by the beginning of canvassing (5 days after election, Sunday excepted).	Yes
Wisconsin	No	Yes	5 days before the election.	1 business day.	8:00 p.m. Election Day.	No
Wyoming	No	Yes	No deadline (but must be before Election Day).	No clear statutory timeframe.	7:00 p.m. Election Day.	No

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