

# Absentee ballot, voter registration deadlines are approaching

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Absentee voting irregularities in a Dothan city election three years ago, which led to the convictions of four local residents, has drawn attention to the purpose – and proper filing – of absentee ballots in upcoming elections.

The deadline to file an application for an absentee ballot for primary elections March 1 is Feb. 25. For the City of Dothan District 6 election on Feb. 9, the deadline to file an absentee ballot with the Dothan city clerk's office is Feb. 4.

Absentee ballots for county and presidential elections are provided online at [alabamavotes.gov](http://alabamavotes.gov) or in county circuit clerk offices, as circuit clerks are generally absentee election managers in each county.

According to provisions on the absentee ballot, absentee ballots are to be used by registered voters who either have a physical or mental impairment that prevents them from attending the polling place, will be out of the county or state on Election Day, or serve in the military.

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