

★ REQUESTING A MAIL-IN ABSENTEE BALLOT ★

- ★ An application must be submitted
 - Requests can be made as early as January 1 of the election year
 - Voters can request an application for both the primary and general elections at the same time
 - Visit the Horry County Voter Registration and Elections Office to fill out an application
 - Call the voter registration office to request an application be sent to you or send a request by mail with your name, date of birth and last 4 digits of your social security number to the Horry County Voter Registration and Elections Office
 - Complete and return the application by mail or in person
 - Choose the ballot for Democratic Party for primary elections
- ★ Applications must arrive before the deadline of 5:00 pm on the 11th day prior to the election
- ★ Ballots are mailed approximately 30 days before the election

After submitting the application, go to www.scvotes.gov and select Voters/Check Your Absentee Ballot to verify it was received and see the current status

★ RETURNING A MAIL-IN ABSENTEE BALLOT ★

- ✓ Complete the ballot
- ✓ Insert the ballot into the ballot envelope then insert the ballot envelope into the pre-addressed envelope
- ✓ Sign and date the back of the pre-addressed envelope
- ✓ Have someone who is 18 sign and fill in their address as witness
 - This can be a spouse or someone else in your household
 - **Ballots without a witness signature will not be opened!**
- ✓ Drop the ballot into a mailbox
- ✓ Drop box is no longer used. If delivering your absentee mail-in ballot yourself, you must take it inside the Voter Registration office and show your ID
- ✓ Ballots must be received by the County Voter Registration office by 7:00 pm on election day. Ballots returned by mail should be mailed no later than one week prior to election day to help ensure delivery in time to be counted.
- ✓ If returning an absentee ballot for another voter, an Authorized Returnee Form must be completed and signed by each voter. It is now a felony crime to return more than 5 absentee ballots.

Go to www.scvotes.gov and select Voters/Absentee Voting for information on obtaining and returning a ballot for another voter.



Online: HORRYDEMOCRATS.ORG

Phone: (843)488-HCDP (4237)

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Make your **VOTE** count!

★ WHERE TO GO FOR ASSISTANCE AND INFORMATION ★

- HCDP Voter Protection Clinic – (843) 488-4237
- ★ South Carolina Vote Blue – www.votebluesc.com
 - ★ Horry County Voter Registration and Elections Office, 1515 4th Ave, Conway, SC 29526 (Mon – Fri, 8am-5pm) 843-915-5440
 - ★ www.scvotes.gov



★ REGISTERING TO VOTE IN HORRY COUNTY ★

- Register any time but you must be registered at least **30 days at your current address in Horry County before** any election
- South Carolina has open primaries, no party is selected when registering
- Requirements
 - ✓ U.S. citizen
 - ✓ 18 years or older at the time of the election
 - ✓ Resident in the Horry County precinct where you live
 - ✓ Not under court order declaring you mentally incompetent
 - ✓ Not confined in a public prison from a conviction of a crime
 - ✓ Never convicted of a felony or offense against election laws*
**If previously convicted, served entire sentence, including probation or parole or received a pardon*
- Register online using South Carolina Vote Blue – www.votebluesc.com
- You can register online with the Horry County Voter Registration and Elections Office if you have a SC DMV license or SC SMV ID card or in person with the Horry County Voter Registration and Elections Office
- Download registration forms from scvotes.gov. Paper forms can be mailed or hand-delivered to the Horry County Voter Registration and Elections Office

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★ THINGS TO DO BEFORE EVERY ELECTION ★

- ✓ Verify your precinct and polling location
 - Some districts may have been redrawn
 - Some polling locations may have changed
- ✓ Verify your registration is still active and check that your personal information is correct
 - Registration through DMV may not have gone through
 - Name on registration and address must be current and match photo ID
- ✓ Download a sample ballot to take to your polling location
- ✓ Your correct address must be in the Electronic Poll Book listing, but does not have to match the address on your ID. The photo ID is to verify your identity, not verify your address. Keep your current address updated online at scvotes.gov, by mail or in person.

Use the South Carolina Vote Blue or Horry County

Voter Registration and Elections Office Websites for All of the Above

★ VOTING IN PERSON ★

- ✓ During the 2-week early voting period
 - Dates and polling locations are announced before each election (primary and general)
 - Any eligible voter can vote early
- ✓ At their polling location on the day of the election
- ✓ A photo ID is required for all in-person voting
 - Current SC driver's license or state issued ID
 - U.S. Passport
 - SC voter ID card with photo*

** Free to registered voters at the Horry County Voter Registration and Elections Office*
- Go to www.scvotes.gov and select voters/how to vote for the complete list and for information on what to do if you do not have a photo id at the polls
- ✓ Voters with disabilities
 - All polling locations have a clearly marked drive-up option for voters who are unable to walk into the building
 - Go to www.scvotes.gov and select voters/voters with disabilities for more information



**YOUR VOICE.
YOUR VOTE.
YOUR FUTURE.**

★ CASTING AN IN-PERSON BALLOT ★

- ✓ Voters will be handed a blank ballot card upon check-in and assigned a voting machine known as a Ballot Marking Device (BMD).
- ✓ Insert the blank ballot card into the BMD to start the voting process.
- ✓ If the BMD rejects the ballot card, ask the poll worker for assistance.
- ✓ Follow the directions on the touch screen to begin voting.
- ✓ Check your sample ballot against the list of candidates on the screen.
- ✓ If there are any discrepancies, contact a poll worker.
- ✓ Make your selection(s)
- ✓ Select print ballot when done
- ✓ Review your ballot!
- ✓ If the ballot does not have the candidates you selected, contact a poll worker
- ✓ Place your completed ballot in the scanner

*Go to www.scvotes.gov and select voters/how to vote to
See a video on how to cast your ballot*

REMINDER: Review your PRINTED ballot card for errors before scanning and report to Poll Worker for a new ballot card if needed.

★ VOTING MAIL-IN ABSENTEE – WHO IS ELIGIBLE? ★

- ★ Eligible voters can choose to vote by mail instead of in person
 - ✓ Over 65 years of age
 - ✓ Physical disabilities
 - ✓ Members of the armed forces and merchant marines, spouses and dependents residing with them serving overseas
 - ✓ Care givers who are unable to utilize early voting or who are unavailable when polls are open
 - ✓ Go to www.scvotes.gov and select voters/absentee voting for complete list
 - ✓ Apply early! Application forms must arrive before the deadline of 5:00 pm on the 11th day prior to the election.

ALERT for 2022

As of July 1, 2022 a new form is required for mail-in absentee applications. If you applied to vote absentee prior to May 31, 2022, for the whole election year, **you must REAPPLY** using the new form to ensure you will receive the absentee mail-in ballot for the November 8 General Election.

