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**PRESS RELEASE**  
**ABSENTEE VOTING**  
**2017 US SENATE SPECIAL ELECTION**

**Any qualified elector may vote an absentee ballot by mail or in person at the absentee election manager's office, by making application in writing, not less than five days prior to the Election (August 10, 2017) and the applicant must meet one of the following requirements:**

- The person will be out of the county or state on Election Day.
- The person has any physical illness or infirmity which prevents his or her attendance at the polls, whether he or she is within or outside the county on the day of election.
- The person works a shift which has at least ten (10) hours which coincide with the hours the polls are open at his or her regular polling place.
- The person is enrolled as a student at an educational institution located outside the county of his or her personal residence which prevents his or her attendance at the polls.
- The person is a member of, or spouse or dependent of a member of, the armed forces of the United States or is similarly qualified to vote absentee pursuant to the Federal Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 42 U.S.C. 1973ff.
- The person has been appointed as an election officer or named as a poll watcher at a polling place other than his or her regular polling place.

Applications for absentee voting and voter information are available on the website of the Alabama Secretary of State at <http://www.sos.state.al.us> and <http://pike.alacourt.gov> or at the following location:

PIKE COUNTY CIRCUIT CLERKS OFFICE/ABSENTEE ELECTION MANAGER  
PIKE COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
120 W. CHURCH ST  
TROY, AL 36081

Separate applications for absentee ballots are required for elections which are more than 42 days apart, except as to individuals voting pursuant to the Federal Uniformed and Overseas Absentee Voting Act, 42 U.S.C. 1973ff.

Completed absentee applications must include the Alabama residence where the voter is registered to vote, even if the ballot is to be mailed to another address where the applicant/voter *regularly* receives mail. If you have moved and have not updated your voter registration, you should contact the Pike County Board of Registrars at 120 W. Church St. Troy, AL 36081 and update your address **prior to applying for an absentee ballot**. You may contact the registrar’s office at 334-566-1757.

The absentee election manager is required to post each day a list of absentee voters to include names, addresses and voting places of each applicant. This list will be posted on the public bulletin board on the first floor of the courthouse.

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For more information concerning absentee voting, please contact:

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VOTING HOURS: 8AM-12PM AND 1PM-5PM

\*\*You may also visit our website at <http://pike.alacourt.gov> for additional information\*\*

June 21, 2017 (Wednesday)-Absentee election process will begin

August 10, 2017 (Thursday)—Last day for voters to apply for a regular absentee ballot for the August 15, 2017, Primary Election.

August 14, 2017 (Monday)—Last business day before the election and the last day to vote a business/medical emergency ballot. This is also the last day that voters can return **in person**, his or her regular absentee ballot. **NO ONE**, not even family members, can return another person's ballot. (The only exception is in a medical emergency and ballot must be returned by the *voter's designee*.)

August 15, 2017 (Tuesday)—PRIMARY ELECTION DAY. All mailed ballots must be received in the US Mail no later than NOON on this day. Voted medical emergency ballots, delivered by the voter's designee, must be received no later than noon on this day.

**\*\* Multiple applications CANNOT be mailed in the same envelope.**

**\*\* In 2014, the State Legislature mandated that a voter present photo ID prior to voting. (These may be obtained, free of charge, from the Board of Registrar's office.) Military or certain persons with disabilities may be exempt from presenting ID.**

For more information on the voter I.D, please visit the website at [www.alabamavoterid.com](http://www.alabamavoterid.com).

**BUSINESS/MEDICAL EMERGENCY VOTING** applications can be made after the absentee deadline but no later than 5 PM on the day before the election, if the voter:

- is required by an employer under unforeseen circumstances to be out of the county on election day for an emergency business trip, or
- has a medical emergency requiring treatment from a licensed physician

*In addition to application information outlined in the next section, the **business emergency application** contains an affidavit acknowledging that the voter was not aware of the out-of-county business trip prior to the normal absentee ballot deadline. The **medical emergency application** requires that the attending physician describe and certify the circumstances as constituting an emergency.*

**VOTING DEADLINE**

An absentee ballot returned by mail must be postmarked no later than the day prior to the election and received by the Absentee Election Manager no later than noon on election day. If hand-delivered, the ballot must be in the office of the Absentee Election Manager by the close of business (but no later than 5 p.m.) on the day prior to the election