



Guide to Absentee Voting

2020



1 After you have registered to vote, contact your Circuit Clerk's office to request to vote by mail-in absentee ballot.



2 If you are eligible, your Circuit Clerk will mail you the Official **APPLICATION** to vote absentee by mail. This will ask for your excuse for voting by absentee. *This is an application, not a ballot.*



3 The application has a designated place for a **witness**. If you are temporarily or permanently **disabled**, your witness can be any person over 18. Otherwise, your application must be *officially authorized*, such as by a notary.



4 Once your **application** is complete and has been properly authorized by a witness, mail back to the Circuit Clerk.



5 **Complete your absentee ballot as early as possible.** Follow the instructions for authorizing and signing the ballot **exactly** or your ballot will be considered void.



6 After the Circuit Clerk receives your application, your **absentee ballot** will arrive by mail.



7 Mark your ballot in secret. **You have the right to vote privately and independently!**



8 Mail in your envelope with your absentee ballot. It **MUST** be postmarked **on or before Election Day, Nov. 3, 2020.**