

# **Advance Voting**

## **Early Vote**

In Dickinson County, Early Voting will begin 20 days prior to an Election Day. Anyone may vote in advance - you do not need an excuse to vote early.

## **Advanced Voting by Mail**

To vote by mail, you must complete an Application for an Advance voting Ballot. You can request this by calling the Election Office at 785-263-3774 or visiting our website at [www.dkcoks.gov/elections](http://www.dkcoks.gov/elections) under the Voter Assistance tab. Once the application is completed and signed, you may mail it to the Dickinson County Clerk's Office at 109 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Ste 207, Abilene, KS 67410, fax it to 785-263-2045 or email it to [jqaytan@dkcoks.org](mailto:jqaytan@dkcoks.org). A separate application is required for each election.

If you are sick and/or disabled, you can fill out an Application for Permanent Advance Voting Status, also available on our website.

Your completed application must be received by the Election Office before 1:00 PM on the Tuesday prior to election day. **SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION EARLY TO AVOID DELAYS.**

Mail ballots will be sent out starting 20 days before the election.

If returning the mail ballot in person, it must be returned by 7:00 PM on Election Day to any polling place within Dickinson County or to the County Election office.

If returning the mail ballot by mail, the ballot must be postmarked by Election day and received by the Friday after election day to be counted.

Mail-in ballots may not be faxed.

## **Safeguard Your Advance Ballot**

All voters who are voting by mail should follow these simple steps to protect the integrity of their ballot:

- Vote the ballot yourself.
- Do not let another person tell you how you should vote.
- If you are physically unable to vote the ballot, be certain that the person assisting you can be trusted and is not with a political campaign, your employer, agent of employer, or officer or agent of a union to which you are a member. If you do require assistance, the "Affidavit of Assistance forms" are available and can be sent with your ballot and must be completed.
- Allowing someone else to vote your ballot is illegal.
- Please review the Section on "Marking Your Ballot" before marking your advance voting ballot.

## **Address or Name Changes**

If you are currently a registered voter in Dickinson County and you have moved within Dickinson County, you may go to your new polling place or the Election Office, complete a voter registration card and vote a provisional ballot. Please call the Election Office to locate your new polling place or click to locate your new polling place.

If you are currently a registered voter in Dickinson County and you have changed your name since the last election, you may go to your polling place on Election Day, complete a voter registration card and vote a provisional ballot.

## **Primary Elections**

- Kansas law does not allow a registered voter to change his party affiliation on Election Day.
- You have until the registration books close (21 days prior to an election) to re-register and change your party affiliation.
- If you are not affiliated with a political party and wish to affiliate with a party, you may complete a voter registration card and declare a party and then cast your vote on Election Day.

- Note: You are affiliated with a party if you are registered as a: Democratic, Libertarian, No labels Kansas, Republican or United Kansas.
- If you are not affiliated and do not wish to affiliate with a party, you may vote only on any special questions that may be on the primary election ballot.

## **Marking Your Paper Ballot**

- When voting be sure to review your selections prior to marking the oval.
- When marking your ballot, darken the oval completely, to the left of the candidates name you wish to vote for.
- If you make a mistake and mark the wrong candidate. You must go to the poll workers and get a new ballot.

If you are allowed to vote for more than one candidate:

- Carefully read your instructions. (Example: If it reads "Vote for three or fewer," you may vote for 3 or less candidates on the ballot and it will still count).

Your vote will not count if:

- You vote for more than the number allows. (Example: If it reads "Vote for three or fewer" and you vote for four or five candidates. This is considered an over vote. This race and this race only will be disqualified. If all other races are valid, they will still be counted).

When done marking the races you wish to vote on, please review your ballot and make sure your marks are clear and you have marked the candidates you wish to vote for.