



Absentee Voting Requirements

Scoring

- State does not require an excuse to vote absentee, 1 point
- State requires an excuse to vote absentee, 0 points
- Note: Absentee voting allows voters to cast their ballot without going to a traditional polling place, in most cases by voting through the mail. States differ in the requirements to qualify to vote absentee, with some states allowing any voter to do so and others requiring an excuse, such as a medical emergency. States that conduct all-mail elections, where every eligible voter is mailed a ballot, are categorized here as no-excuse absentee states.
- No updates required since January 1, 2023

Alabama (0)

- State requires an excuse to vote absentee (Ala. Code § 17-11-3).

Alaska (1)

- State does not require an excuse to vote absentee (Alaska Stat. § 15.20.010).

Arizona (1)

- State does not require an excuse to vote absentee (Ariz. Rev. Stat. §§ 16-541).

Arkansas (0)

- State requires an excuse to vote absentee (Ark. Code. Ann. § 7-5-404).

California (1)

- State conducts all-mail elections (Cal. Elec. Code § 3003).

Colorado (1)

- State conducts all-mail elections (Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. §§ 1-13.5-1001).

Connecticut (0)

- State requires an excuse to vote absentee (Conn. Gen. Stat. § 9-135).

Delaware (0)

- State requires an excuse to vote absentee (DE SB 320 (2022)).

D.C. (1)

- Does not require an excuse to vote absentee (D.C. Mun. Regs. tit. 3, § 720).



Florida (1)

- State does not require an excuse to vote absentee (Fla. Stat. §101.62).

Georgia (1)

- State does not require an excuse to vote absentee (Ga. Code Ann. § 21-2-380).

Hawaii (1)

- State conducts all-mail elections (Haw. Rev. Stat. § 15-2).

Idaho (1)

- State does not require an excuse to vote absentee (Idaho Code § 34-1001).

Illinois (1)

- State does not require an excuse to vote absentee (10 Ill. Comp. Stat. 5/19-1).

Indiana (0)

- State requires an excuse to vote absentee (Ind. Code § 3-11-10-24).

Iowa (1)

- State does not require an excuse to vote absentee (Iowa Code §§ 53.1 et. seq.).

Kansas (1)

- State does not require an excuse to vote absentee (Kan. Stat. Ann. § 25-1119).

Kentucky (0)

- State requires an excuse to vote absentee (Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 117.085).

Louisiana (0)

- State requires an excuse to vote absentee (La. Stat. Ann. § 18:1303).

Maine (1)

- State does not require an excuse to vote absentee (Me. Stat. tit. 21-A, §751).

Maryland (1)

- State does not require an excuse to vote absentee (Md. Code Ann. Elec. Law §9-304).

Massachusetts (1)

- State does not require an excuse to vote absentee (Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 54, § 86 (2022)).



Michigan (1)

- State does not require an excuse to vote absentee (Mich. Comp. Laws § 168.759).

Minnesota (1)

- State does not require an excuse to vote absentee (Minn. Stat. § 203B.02).

Mississippi (0)

- State requires an excuse to vote absentee (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-673).

Missouri (0)

- State requires an excuse to vote absentee (Mo. Rev. Stat. § 115.277).

Montana (1)

- State does not require an excuse to vote absentee (Mont. Code Ann. § 13-13-201).

Nebraska (1)

- State does not require an excuse to vote absentee (Neb. Rev. Stat. § 32-938).

Nevada (1)

- State conducts all-mail elections (Nev. Rev. Stat. § 293.313).

New Hampshire (0)

- State requires an excuse to vote absentee (N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 659:50).

New Jersey (1)

- State does not require an excuse to vote absentee (N.J. Stat. Ann. § 19:63-3).

New Mexico (1)

- State does not require an excuse to vote absentee (N.M. Stat. Ann. § 1-6-3).

New York (0)

- State requires an excuse to vote absentee (N.Y. Elec. Law § 8-400).

North Carolina (1)

- State does not require an excuse to vote absentee (N.C. Gen. Stat. § 163-226).

North Dakota (1)

- State does not require an excuse to vote absentee (N.D. Cent. Code § 16.1-07).



Ohio (1)

- State does not require an excuse to vote absentee (Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 3509.02).

Oklahoma (1)

- State does not require an excuse to vote absentee (Okla. Stat. tit. 26, § 14-105).

Oregon (1)

- State conducts all-mail elections (Or. Rev. Stat. §§ 254.465, 254.470).

Pennsylvania (1)

- State does not require an excuse to vote absentee (25 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 3150.11).

Rhode Island (1)

- State does not require an excuse to vote absentee (17 R.I. Gen. Laws § 17-20-2).

South Carolina (0)

- State requires an excuse to vote absentee (S.C. Code Ann. § 7-15-320).

South Dakota (1)

- State does not require an excuse to vote absentee (S.D. Codified Laws § 12-19-1).

Tennessee (0)

- State requires an excuse to vote absentee (Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-6-201).

Texas (0)

- State requires an excuse to vote absentee (Texas Elec. Code Ann. §§ 82.001 et. seq.).

Utah (1)

- State conducts all-mail elections (Utah Code Ann. §20A-3a-202).

Vermont (1)

- State does not require an excuse to vote absentee (Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 17, § 2531).

Virginia (1)

- State does not require an excuse to vote absentee (Va. Code Ann. § 24.2-700).

Washington (1)

- State conducts all-mail elections (Wash. Rev. Code § 29A.40.010).



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West Virginia (0)

- State requires an excuse to vote absentee (W. Va. Code, § 3-3-1).

Wisconsin (1)

- State does not require an excuse to vote absentee (Wis. Stat. §§ 6.85, 6.86).

Wyoming (1)

- State does not require an excuse to vote absentee (Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 22-9-102).