



VOTER GUIDE TO ACT 77 CHANGES

BRADFORD COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

No Straight Party Voting

- Voters will no longer have a shortcut option to vote straight party, but they may still individually select only candidates from one party.

Voter Registration Deadline:

- The deadline to register to vote is now **April 13** – fifteen days before Election Day, rather than 30 days. Voter registration applications postmarked by the deadline are no longer considered timely. Paper registration applications must be in the Bradford County Election Bureau by the 15-day deadline. Online registration is available until midnight of the deadline!

Absentee Balloting:

- Apply and vote absentee in person (over the counter) in the Election Bureau at the County Courthouse. Call 570-265-1717 and make sure the ballot is ready before stopping in.
- Deadline to apply for an absentee ballot is April 21, 2020. Online applications are available at VotesPA.com/ApplyAbsentee
 - Absentee ballots are available for anyone who;
 - Will be out of the municipality on Election Day
 - Due to illness or permanent disability
- Ballot Receipt Deadline extended to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day April 28, 2020. Ballots received after this time, will not be counted. You must apply by 5:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before the election.
- If you apply for an absentee ballot, you may not vote at your polling place, except by Provisional Ballot, even if you did not vote or receive your absentee ballot.
- If you applied on time, but were unable to mail your ballot, it may be brought to the Bradford County Election Bureau until 8 p.m. on Election Day.

- There is now one emergency voting period for those who cannot vote at their polling place due to sudden illness or absence. Emergency applications will be available from 5 p.m. on the Tuesday before the Election, to 8 p.m. on Election Day. To obtain an Emergency ballot, please call 570-265-1717 or email smithkorsr@bradfordco.org. Multiple individuals may now designate the same individual to carry their ballot.
- Voters with a permanent disability may request placement on a permanent absentee voter list via application. Be sure to complete Section C1 on the application. You will be entitled to receive ballots in the mail for all elections taking place in the remainder of the calendar year and for any special elections through the third week in February of the following year.

Mail-in Ballot:

- Voters now have an option to vote by Mail-in Ballot. Different from absentee ballots, Mail-in voters do not have to provide any reason or excuse.
- Apply and vote your Mail-in ballot over the counter in the Election Bureau at the County Courthouse. Call 570-265-1717 and make sure the ballot is ready before stopping in.
- In addition to an online absentee application, the Department has provided an online application for mail-in ballots. To complete an online application, visit VotesPA.com/ApplyMailBallot before the deadline of April 21, 2020.
- The deadlines for mail-in applications and mail-in ballots mirror the civilian absentee deadlines. The application must be received by 5:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before the election and the completed ballot must be received by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day April 28.
- Like civilian absentee ballots, an individual who votes a timely received mail-in ballot may not vote at the polling place. However, if the voter requests but does not mail back their mail-in ballot in time, they may still deliver the mail-in ballot to the county elections office until 8 p.m. on Election Day, or if they cannot do so, may vote by provisional ballot at the polling place.
- Voters may request to be placed on a permanent mail-in voter list. These individuals will have an application mailed to them by the first week in February each year, which, if completed and returned, entitles them to receive ballots in the mail for all elections taking place in the remainder of the calendar year and for any special elections through the third week in February of the following year.

Questions? 570-265-1717 or smithkorsr@bradfordco.org