

# BURNET COUNTY ELECTIONS

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Can anybody vote early by mail (also referred to as “absentee voting”)?

Only specific reasons entitle a registered voter to vote early by mail (no longer called absentee voting). You may request a ballot by mail if you:

1. **will be away from your county on Election Day and during the hours that early voting is conducted;**
1. **are sick or disabled;**
1. **are 65 years of age or older on Election Day; or**
1. **are confined in jail.**

[Click here to print instructions and an Application for a Ballot by Mail](#)

(address also below: copy and paste into your browser if difficulty with hotlink)

<http://www.burnetcountytexas.org/upload/page/0158/docs/ABBM%202018.pdf>

***REMINDER: If you have an annual application for a ballot by mail, it expires at the end of the calendar year. You must submit a new application every year.***

**Submittal Period for Annual ABBM and Length of Validity**

**Q:** When may a voter that qualifies for an Annual ABBM submit their application?

**A:** Voters may begin to submit Annual ABBMs on or after January 1 of the calendar year in which the voter wishes to receive ballots. [§ 86.0015]

**Q:** How long is the Annual ABBM valid?

**A:** The Annual ABBM is valid from the time the early voting clerk receives it until the end of the calendar year or until the voter submits a change in registration information. Thus the Annual ABBM expires on December 31 of the year in which it was submitted, regardless of when it was submitted to the early voting clerk. [§ 86.0015(b)]

**Q:** May voters submit an Annual ABBM anytime throughout the calendar year?

**A:** Yes. Voters may submit an Annual ABBM anytime during the calendar year. [§ 86.0015(b)] However, an Annual ABBM **must be received at least 11 days before the first election** in which the voter seeks to request a ballot by mail. [§84.007(c)].