Mail-in / Absentee Ballot

Mail-in or Absentee Ballot
- Mail-in ballot – Any qualified voter may apply for a mail-in ballot without a reason.
- Absentee ballot – If individuals plan to be out of the municipality on election day or if they have a disability or illness that prevents them from going to their polling place on election day, they can request this ballot type, which still requires them to list a reason for their ballot. Applications may be obtained 50 days before any election but not later than seven days before the election from the Elections/Voter Registration office.

To request either ballot type, individuals must be registered to vote. A voter can review their registration information online at **www.pavoterservices.pa.gov**

- ❖ A good turnout of absentee ballot voters can make a difference in the outcome of an election. As a committee member, you should determine who will need absentee ballots and assist them in any way possible.

- ❖ Potential candidates for absentee ballots are Students, Traveling Businessmen, Servicemen and Women, Elderly Citizens in nursing homes who are not ambulatory (even with assistance), Convalescents who are not ambulatory, People on Vacation, or anyone who will be out of the county on Election Day.

- ❖ The voter will have to complete an application for an absentee ballot before they receive the actual ballot.

- ❖ Check the election calendar for the specific dates applicable to the return of absentee ballots. Absentee ballots are time-sensitive, be sure to plan ahead!

ACT 77 of 2019 brought the most sweeping changes to Pennsylvania's election laws – Fifty (50) days of NO-EXCUSE MAIL-IN VOTING. Until Pennsylvania returns to having one election for both parties at the same time, ACRC Members will need to work harder to get those occasional voters to utilize the mail-in ballot option.

Don't let the momentum fizzle out. Recruit additional volunteers to assist in ongoing pre-election and Election Day activities. Don't wait until the last minute. Share the importance of being involved in the political process and voting. Every vote does count!