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VOTERS CAN APPLY FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT NOW AND APPLY ONLINE FOR THE FIRST TIME

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Carlinville - Macoupin County voters may now apply for a vote by mail absentee ballot for the November 4, 2014 General Election, Macoupin County Clerk Pete Duncan announced.

New state law signed this summer moved up the date that voters can begin applying for vote by mail absentee ballots. While voters have been able to apply since August 6th, ballots will be sent out starting September 25th.

"Although the Election is still just under 80 days away, voters can request a ballot now and it will be delivered to your mailbox in early October," Duncan said. "Applying now is the first step towards being able to vote from your own home at your convenience."

Duncan stressed that the Macoupin Election Office is now offering more ways than ever before to apply. They include:

- Voters can request an application by calling (217) 854-3214 ext. 707 and ask for an application to be mailed to them.
- A blank application can be downloaded and filled out from the MacoupinVotes.com website. Once filled out, it needs to be mailed to the County Clerk's office at P.O. Box 107 Carlinville, IL 62626.
- There is also an online request tool that when a voter fills out and submits, the Election office will mail them a paper application to complete.

Voters may also apply online for the first time in Macoupin County. Duncan said that applying online takes less than a minute. Voters will need the last four digits of their Social Security number, their driver's license or state identification card, and an email address. That information will be verified before the application is processed by the Election Office. Applying online though will remove a few steps of snail mail, making it more efficient for voters and the Election's office.

Duncan did remind everyone that regardless of how the voter applies, the signature on their ballot certification will be compared against the signature in their voter file by a team of Democratic and Republican Election judges before their ballot is counted.

Anyone with questions should contact the Election office during office hours (8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.) at 217 854-3214 ext. 707 or visit the MacoupinVotes.com website. Duncan did remind voters that state law requires that ballots will begin being mailed on September 25th so voters should wait to check to see if their ballot has been mailed until early October.

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