

## **Requirements for requests for emergency incapacitated absentee ballots**

The request for absentee ballots from an emergency incapacitated voter shall be in writing and shall be signed by the voter, or signed by a witness at the voter's direction, if the voter is unable to sign. The request must be accompanied by a sworn statement by a duly licensed physician. The statement must attest to the fact that the voter is unable to vote in person at his precinct on the day of the election because of a physical disability, which may include confinement for childbirth, and that the voter became incapacitated after 5 p.m. on Tuesday preceding the election. The Request for Emergency Incapacitated Absentee Ballot and Sworn Statement by Physician form may be used to make the request for ballots. However, use of this form is not required.

An emergency incapacitated voter may designate an agent to represent him/her for purposes of absentee voting. The agent may be anyone of the voter's choosing at least 16 years of age, provided that person is not employed by nor related within the third degree by consanguinity (blood relation) or affinity (by marriage) to any person whose name appears on the ballot. The voter's agent must transmit the request to the Secretary of the County Election Board. A person may be agent for only one voter. No person may be the agent for more than one voter at any election.

Upon receipt of the voter's request and accompanying sworn statement, the application information shall be processed by the County Election Board and the Secretary then shall issue to the voter's agent the appropriate ballots and a pink incapacitated voter packet.

The voter's agent must return the ballots, sealed in the appropriate envelopes, to the Secretary of the County Election Board no later than 7 p.m. on the day of the election.