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### ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION FORM for REGISTERED VOTERS

A qualified voter may make application **by mail**, not more than **90** nor less than **5** days, prior to the date of the election for an official ballot for the voter's precinct, to be voted at such election. For the Tuesday, **April 4th, 2017** Consolidated Election **you may apply** for an absentee ballot to be mailed from **January 4<sup>th</sup> of 2017** through **March 30<sup>th</sup> of 2017**, however ballots (unless for military and overseas voters) cannot be mailed until **February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017**.

The Election Code requires that blank absentee ballot application forms be available. You may type or print all required information on this generic application form.

#### ALL ENTRIES MUST BE LEGIBLE FOR YOUR APPLICATION TO BE PROCESSED

Once you have completed, signed and dated the absentee application form it may be returned to the proper election authority either in person, via a third party or by mail. Ballots can only be issued to qualified registered voters whose written request is **received** by the election authority by the Thursday, **March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017** deadline if you wish your ballot to be mailed to you. You could possibly appear in person to pick up your vote by mail ballot—contact the Clerk's office to verify if you qualify. You may qualify to submit your absentee application via our online application- contact the Clerk's office for details regarding that option or for full description of all ballot delivery options.

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE TO VOTERS

Although blank absentee application forms are now available, you can still request pre-printed absentee applications by calling our office. Upon verification of some personal information we will issue the application to the address you request. You may also write this office a letter requesting an absentee ballot application be issued to you but you must provide all of the necessary information for issuance of a ballot and sign the letter with your legal signature. Those voters making their request directly with this office have an opportunity to update registration information such as corrected driver's license numbers, dates of birth or updated phone or e-mail contact information. By providing us with current contact information you allow us to reach you more directly should there be any problems with your registration, the issuance of your ballot or to alert you should your ballot be returned to us undeliverable. Many voters fail to realize that their voter status may be suspended due to inactivity or an invalid name or address. If you have any concerns regarding the status of your registration or if you have any questions regarding the absentee voting process please contact the County Clerk's Office at once at the phone number or e-mail addresses given in the header at the top of this notice.

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE TO CIRCULATORS OF APPLICATIONS

If you are distributing blank absentee applications for an organization or campaign, please be sure to confirm the following:

- The applicant is a registered voter
- That all required fields are completed
- The information provided is legible
- Please encourage all applicants to provide contact information in case of incomplete or missing information on their application
- Submit all **completed** applications you collect to the correct election authority within the time frame allowed by statute.

# VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT APPLICATION FORM

Office of the Christian County Clerk

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<b>1. NAME</b>		Last Name		First Name		Middle Name		Suffix	
Street Address (include apt, lot, etc, if applicable)									
City		State		ZIP		Daytime Phone/E-mail			
<b>2. FORMER NAME</b> (if applicable)						Birth Year Only : _____ This is only needed if two family members of the same name reside at the same address.			
<b>3. ADDRESS TO WHICH BALLOT IS TO BE MAILED</b>									
Street Address (include apt, lot, etc.) AND P.O. Box # (if applicable)									
City		State		ZIP		Country (other than USA)			
<p>I state that I am a resident in the precinct and residence as stated above, that I have lived at such address for 30 or more days preceding the election, that I am lawfully entitled to vote in such precinct at said election to be held therein and that I wish to vote by mail ballot.</p> <p>I hereby make application for an official ballot to be voted by me at such election, and I agree that I shall return such ballot to the official issuing the same prior to the closing of the polls on the date of the election or, if returned by mail, postmarked no later than midnight preceding election day, for counting no later than during the period for counting provisional ballots, the last day of which is the 14th day following election day.</p> <p>I understand that this application is made for an official vote by mail ballot to be voted by me at the election specified in this application and that I must submit a separate application for an official vote by mail ballot to be voted by me at any subsequent election.</p> <p>Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to <b>Section 29-10</b> of the <b>Election Code</b>, the undersigned certifies that the statements Set forth in this application are true and correct.</p> <p><b>X</b> _____ <b>Dated :</b> _____</p> <p><b>(10 ILCS 5/29-10) (from Ch. 46, par. 29-10)</b> <b>Sec. 29-10. Perjury.</b> (a) Any person who makes a false statement, material to the issue or point in question, which he does not believe to be true, in any affidavit, certificate or sworn oral declaration required by any provision of this Code shall be guilty of a Class 3 felony. (b) Any person who is convicted of violating this Section shall be ineligible for public employment for a period of 5 years immediately following the completion of his sentence. For the purpose of this subsection, "public employment" shall mean any elected or appointed office created by the Constitution or laws of this State, or any ordinance of a unit of local government. "Public employment" shall also include any position as an employee of the State of Illinois, or a unit of local government or school district. <b>(Source: P.A. 83-1097.)</b></p> <p><b><u>Any person who knowingly solicits you to falsify your eligibility to cast an vote by mail ballot is guilty of a Class 3 felony</u></b></p> <p><b>(10 ILCS 5/19-2) (from Ch. 46, par. 19-2)</b> <b>Sec. 19-2.</b> Any elector as defined in Section 19-1 may by mail or electronically on the website of the appropriate election authority, not more than 90 nor less than 5 days prior to the date of such election, or by personal delivery not more than 90 nor less than one day prior to the date of such election, make application to the county clerk or to the Board of Election Commissioners for an official ballot for the voter's precinct to be voted at such election... <b>(Source: P.A. 97-81, eff. 7-5-11; P.A. 98-115, eff. 7-29-13; P.A. 98-691, eff. 7-1-14.</b></p> <p><b>Notice To Vote By Mail Applicants:</b> The first day a Vote By Mail ballot may be issued for the <b>April 4th, 2017</b> Consolidated Election is <b>February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017</b>. The last day that a ballot can be mailed to you is <b>March 30th, 2017</b>. If you wish to receive your ballot by mail your application must be filed in the office of your County Clerk or Board of Election Commissioners between these two dates. If you have any questions regarding this application or the vote by mail voting process contact the Election Authority indicated in the upper left corner of this application.</p>									