

# Local Elections

State law allows cities and towns to opt out of no-excuse early voting by mail in local elections. A city or town can only opt out of Vote by Mail for a local election after the city council or board of selectmen hold a public hearing and take a recorded vote to do so at least 45 days before the election. **Raynham Board of Selectmen voted unanimously by a recorded roll call vote to opt out of Vote by Mail for the 2024 Annual Town Election at a public hearing held on March 12, 2024.**

If a community opts out of Vote by Mail for its local election, a Vote by Mail application will not be valid for that election.

**Absentee ballots are still available to those who qualify. The last day to apply for an absentee ballot for the 2024 Annual Town Election is Friday, April 26, 2024 by 12:00 P.M.**

# Absentee Ballots

**You can vote by absentee ballot if:**

- You will be away from your city or town on Election Day
- You have a religious belief that prevents you from voting at your polling location on Election Day
- You have a disability that prevents you from voting at your polling location

**You should fill out an absentee ballot application if:**

- **You qualify for an absentee ballot and you are voting in a local election in a city or town that has opted out of Vote by Mail for that election. Raynham has voted to opt out of Vote by Mail for the 2024 Annual Town Election.**
- You are on active military duty
- You are a U.S. citizen living outside the U.S.
- You will be away from your city or town on Election Day
- You are requesting an emergency absentee ballot due to hospitalization
- You are currently incarcerated for a reason other than a felony conviction