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ABSENTEE BALLOT DEADLINES FOR THE NOV. 5 PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL AND OPEN CONGRESSIONAL PRIMARY ELECTION

BATON ROUGE, La. — Secretary of State Nancy Landry reminds voters of the upcoming absentee ballot deadlines for the Nov. 5 Presidential General and Open Congressional Primary Election.

The deadline to **request** an absentee ballot is **Friday, Nov. 1 by 4:30 p.m.** Requests can be made online by visiting voterportal.sos.la.gov and selecting “Request Absentee Ballot,” or in person at the parish Registrar of Voters Office. Voters who have requested but not yet received an absentee ballot may check their absentee ballot status by visiting voterportal.sos.la.gov, entering the appropriate voter information, and selecting “Check Absentee Ballot Status.”

The deadline to **return** a completed ballot is **Monday, Nov. 4 by 4:30 p.m.** Completed ballots can be returned to the parish Registrar of Voters by mail, in-person by the voter or by a voter’s immediate family member. Due to unpredictable mail delivery speeds, absentee voters utilizing the United States Postal Service are encouraged to allow additional time for their ballot to reach its destination. Should a voter be unable to meet an absentee ballot deadline, they can still vote in-person on Election Day. Polling locations can also be found on voterportal.sos.la.gov or on the free GeauxVote mobile app.

Absentee voters should be aware of new laws that took effect after the 2024 Regular Legislative Session. Based on those new statutes, an individual may assist a voter with their absentee ballot and deliver an absentee ballot for:

- Any immediate family members; and
- One non-immediate family member.

Immediate family member is defined in statute as “the individual’s children, the spouses of his children, his brothers and their spouses, his sisters and their spouses, his parents, his spouse, and the parents of his spouse.”

For more information, please call the Elections Hotline at 800-883-2805, with TDD/TTY access at 711, or email the Elections Division at elections@sos.la.gov. To report potential polling place accessibility issues, please email the Elections ADA Compliance Officer at ADA@sos.la.gov. Complaints involving possible election code violations should be reported to the Secretary of State’s Election Integrity Division at 800-722-5305.

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