



Town of BEACON FALLS
Connecticut

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Town Clerk

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Dear Voter:

We are enclosing information regarding permanent absentee ballot status for the totally disabled. If you or anyone you know would like to apply, please enclose with your application for absentee ballot a doctor's statement indicating that you are permanently disabled. This status qualifies you to receive automatically an absentee ballot for any election, Primary or referendum where absentee ballots are available.

For more instructions and an absentee ballot application, please call the Town Clerk's office at 203-729-8254.

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

NEW LEGISLATION

Public Act 12-57, "An Act Concerning Permanent Absentee Ballot Status for the Permanently Disabled" created permanent absentee balloting status for certain individuals and became effective January 1, 2013.

IN GENERAL

To be eligible for permanent absentee ballot status, an elector must file with the Town Clerk an absentee ballot application together with a doctor's certificate stating that they have a permanent disability and are unable to appear in person at their polling place. The doctor's note should be on letterhead. There is no prescribed form—the doctor's note and the absentee ballot application would satisfy the requirement of the law.

Permanent absentee ballot status enables the elector to receive an absentee ballot for each election, primary, and referendum in the municipality in which they are eligible to vote. Absentee ballots are available 21 days before a Primary and 31 days before an Election.

ELIGIBILITY

In January of each year the Registrars of Voters will send written notice to each elector with permanent absentee ballot status to determine if the elector continues to reside at the address on the permanent absentee ballot application. If the elector fails to respond to the notice, the permanent absentee ballot status will be removed, but the elector will remain on the voter registration list.