

# INDEFINITELY CONFINED VOTERS

## WHAT DEFINES A VOTER AS “INDEFINITELY CONFINED”?

An indefinitely confined voter, according to Wisconsin law, is “An elector who is indefinitely confined because of age, physical illness or infirmity or is disabled for an indefinite period.” Only voters who fit this description can request absentee ballots as an indefinitely confined voter. Falsely claiming this status may lead to fines as high as \$1,000 and imprisonment up to six months.

## HOW DO I REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT AS AN INDEFINITELY CONFINED VOTER?

- You must submit a request to the municipal clerk’s office for an absentee ballot and indicate your status as indefinitely confined.
- If you are submitting a request by mail using an absentee request form, select the third option under section six.
- If you are submitting a request online through MyVote, there will be an option to indicate your indefinitely confined status.
- If you are submitting a request by email, indicate you are indefinitely confined in your message to the municipal clerk.

## WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT AS INDEFINITELY CONFINED?

When you indicate that you are indefinitely confined, the Election Commission will mail an absentee ballot to the address you indicate indefinitely, until you either inform the clerk’s office that you are no longer indefinitely confined or you fail to return a ballot.

## AM I REQUIRED TO PROVIDE A COPY OF MY PHOTO ID TO SUBMIT MY REQUEST?

- You are not required to submit a photo ID with your absentee ballot request if you are indefinitely confined.
- The signature of a witness on your ballot envelope will suffice in lieu of your photo ID.

## I FAILED TO RETURN A BALLOT. CAN I STILL RECEIVE BALLOTS INDEFINITELY?

If you fail to return a ballot, we will send you a letter with a renewal request form. If you wish to remain registered as indefinitely confined, you must submit the renewal request within 30 days or you will be taken off of the indefinitely confined voter list.

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