



**Annual Town Election**

Postponed to June 30, 2020

**IMPORTANT  
COVID-19 CHANGES**

**TOWN OF REHOBOTH**



**Annual Town Election**

**Tuesday, June 30, 2020**

**12:00 PM – 4:00 PM ONLY**

**ALL THREE PRECINCTS VOTING AT SENIOR CENTER - ONLY**

**REHOBOTH COUNCIL ON AGING - SENIOR CENTER**

**55 Bay State Road  
Rehoboth, MA 02769**

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Massachusetts Official  
**Absentee Ballot Application**

See reverse side for instructions



William Francis Galvin  
Secretary of the Commonwealth

**Voter Information**

1

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Voting Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Ballot Information**  
*(Independent voters may vote in a primary without registering with a party)*

2

Mail Ballot to: \_\_\_\_\_

**Ballot Requested For:**

All elections this year

All general elections (No primaries)

A specific election: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Date of Election*

**Party (only if requesting primary ballot):**

State Primaries: \_\_\_\_\_

Presidential Primary: \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Circumstances**  
*(If applicable)*

3

This application is being made by a family member of the voter.  
Relationship to voter: \_\_\_\_\_

Voter is a member of military on active duty or dependent family member of active duty personnel.

Voter is a Massachusetts citizen residing overseas.

Voter has been admitted to a healthcare facility after noon on the fifth day before the election and has designated the following person to hand-deliver the ballot: \_\_\_\_\_

Voter required assistance in completing application due to physical disability.  
Assisting person's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Assisting person's address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed (under penalty of perjury): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and Social Distancing Protocols the following changes have been made to the way the June 30, 2020 Annual Town Election will be conducted.**

- WHO** - **All registered voters – Precincts 1, 2 & 3**
- WHAT** - **Annual Town Election Postponed from April 7, 2020 to June 30, 2020**
- WHERE** - **All Three Precincts Will Vote at the COA-Senior Center ONLY –  
55 Bay State Road – Route 118**
- WHEN** - **Tuesday, June 30, 2020 – 12:00 p.m. (Noon) – 4:00 p.m. ONLY**
- WHY** - Pursuant to Section 1 of Chapter 45 of the Acts of 2020 and because of the State of Emergency declared by the Governor pursuant to executive order 591, Declaration of a State of Emergency to Respond to COVID-19, and its implications on election administration, which were voted by the Board of Selectmen and approved by State Elections

At its meeting on March 23, 2020, the Board of Selectmen voted to reschedule the Rehoboth Annual Town Election to **June 30, 2020** and ratified that vote on March 30, 2020 that *Pursuant to Section 1 of Chapter 45 of the Acts of 2020 and because of the State of Emergency declared by the Governor pursuant to executive order 591, Declaration of a State of Emergency to Respond to COVID-19, and its implications on election administration, the Rehoboth Annual Town Election scheduled for Tuesday, April 7, 2020 is hereby postponed to Tuesday, June 30, 2020.* On May 26, 2020, the Board of Selectmen voted to reduce the polling locations and polling hours due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, State of Emergency and Social Distancing Protocols. *Selectmen voted to designate the COA Building, 55 Bay State Road in Rehoboth, MA as the polling place for the June 30, 2020 Rehoboth Annual Town Election, and to set 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM as the hours the polling place shall remain open for in-person voting; and to take any other action as may be required to comply with guidance provided by Town Counsel and the Massachusetts Elections Division. Said motion is made in recognition of the extraordinary challenges of conducting an Election during a public health emergency.*

The majority of our election workers are older adults, and as we know, the senior population has been identified as being at a higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. As a result, out of concern for our election workers, the Clerk's Office conducted a recent election worker survey of all our election workers, which indicated that 62.30% of the election workers are not comfortable working the 6-30-2020 election due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The combining of the polling locations allows us to reduce the number of election workers required to conduct the election. The timeframe complies with MGL requirements and provides a reduced period of time the election workers will be exposed to gatherings larger than 10 people, as elections are exempt from the Governor's 10-person maximum ruling. Should the revised voting in-person timeframe not work with your schedule, please consider voting early or absentee.

## COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS AT THE POLLS

- Six Foot Social Distancing inside and outside of the polls.
- Face Masks are required and available upon request – gloves requested.
- Health questions will be asked prior to entering building.
- Hand Sanitizer will be administered prior to entering building.

### **UNABLE TO VOTE BETWEEN 12:00 NOON & 4:00 P.M. ON 6-30-2020? DON'T WANT TO DEAL WITH LINES AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS AT THE POLLS? PLEASE CONSIDER VOTING BY MAIL**

Should the revised voting in-person timeframe not work with your schedule, please consider voting early or absentee. We have received numerous Absentee and Early Voting Ballot application requests so far (thank you all), and are **highly recommending you consider one of the options below for the 6-30-2020 Annual Town Election for your health and safety due to the COVID-19 pandemic.** If you are concerned about voting in person, or will be unable to get to the polls when open (**12:00 Noon – 4:00 p.m.**) please vote either Absentee or Early Voting by mail. The difference between the two options is as follows:

Both ballot applications Absentee Voting (AV) or Early Voting (EV) are permissible methods for the June 30, 2020 Annual Town Election (ATE) due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.



- If you would like to **vote just the 6-30-2020 ATE Election ballot By Mail** – you may want to request an **Early Voting** ballot for just that election. Here is a link to the EV Ballot Application:

<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/elepdf/2020-Municipal-Early-Ballot-Application.pdf>

(Copy of application is printed at end of flyer behind the back cover.)



- If you would like to **vote all remaining elections in 2020 by mail** (6-30-2020-ATE, 9-1-2020 State Primary and 11-3-2020 Presidential & State Election), you may want to request an **Absentee Ballot** and make sure you mark “**All Elections This Year**”. Here is a link to the AV Ballot Application:

<http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/elepdf/absentee/English-Absentee-Ballot-Application.pdf>

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If you choose the above AV option (**AV-All Elections This Year**), please make sure you **enter the “Party” ballot you are requesting for the September 1<sup>st</sup>, State Primary** (Choices will be: Republican, Democratic, Green-Rainbow or Libertarian ballot).



All applications for an absentee or early voting ballot must be received by the Town Clerk before NOON on Monday, June 29, 2020, the last business day before the election.

**Please Note – if voting by mail please apply as soon as possible due to slower mail times.**

Your absentee or early voting ballot application can be expedited by either dropping off your application at the Town Hall – drop box at 148 Peck Street or e-mailing to [TownClerk@RehobothMA.gov](mailto:TownClerk@RehobothMA.gov) . We must have your actual signature on your application. If you are unable to scan and e-mail your signed application, another option is to take a photo with your smartphone and e-mail to us. We appreciate your understanding during this difficult time. Please stay healthy and safe and thank you for voting the June 30, 2020 Annual Town Election either via mail-in-ballot or in-person voting at the COA Senior Center, 55 Bay State Road (Route 118) from 12:00 p.m. Noon – 4:00 p.m.

Your completed ballot must be returned in a **signed and sealed envelope** to the Town Clerk’s Office (not the polling location) no later than the closing of the polls on election day; June 30, 2020. We want to ensure that everyone who wants to vote is able to vote, while staying safe and healthy. Remember, as President Roosevelt so eloquently stated: *“Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves and the only way they could do this is by not voting.”* ~ Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Any questions, please contact the Town Clerk’s Office @ 508-252-6502 – X-3109 (Lynn Shaker-Assistant Town Clerk) or X-3110 (Laura Schwall-Town Clerk) or e-mail us @ [TownClerk@RehobothMA.gov](mailto:TownClerk@RehobothMA.gov)



## Your **VOTE** Counts!

Voter Information & Resources



### Know before you go!:

(<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/VoterRegistrationSearch/MyVoterRegStatus.aspx>)

To eliminate the need for the potential of additional contact know and take action in advance as follows:

1. **Are you a registered voter?** The deadline to register to vote or change your party enrollment for Annual Town Election is **Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>** – You may complete the application on the next page or use the [online voter registration portal @ www.registertovotema.com](http://www.registertovotema.com)
2. **Is your voter status "active"** (<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/VoterRegistrationSearch/MyVoterRegStatus.aspx>)?
3. **What are you voting for? Sample Ballot** @ [https://www.town.rehoboth.ma.us/sites/rehobothma/files/news/4-7-2020\\_atc\\_sample\\_ballot.pdf](https://www.town.rehoboth.ma.us/sites/rehobothma/files/news/4-7-2020_atc_sample_ballot.pdf)
4. What should the voter bring to the polls? Wear a Mask, Bring a Pen (black or blue ink only-sharpie or Paper Mate flair recommended), Disposable Gloves (recommended), Clip Board if not using voting booths to vote ballot and ID should you need it at the polls. No sanitizer will be used inside the polling place, will be provided at entrance and exit.



# 2020 Municipal Election Early Ballot Application



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Secretary of the Commonwealth

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## Special Circumstances *(If applicable)*

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Voter required assistance in completing application due to physical disability.

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Assisting person's address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed (under penalty of perjury): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Eligibility

Any registered voter may use this application to request an absentee ballot for a local election being held on or before June 30, 2020.

## Completing the Application

1. Voter Information – Provide your name, legal voting address, and date of birth. Telephone number and e-mail address are optional fields.
2. Ballot Information – Provide the address where you want the ballot mailed.
3. Special Circumstances – If you are assisting a voter in completing this application, complete this section.
4. Sign your name. If you require assistance in signing the application, you may authorize someone to sign your name in your presence. That person must complete the assisting person's information in Section 3.

## Submitting the Application

Send the completed application to the local election official at your city or town hall.

Applications can be mailed or hand-delivered. Applications may also be submitted electronically by fax or e-mail, as long as your signature is visible.

Please allow ample mailing time for this application and for the ballot. Ballots must be returned to your local election official by Election Day.

Find contact information for local election officials at [www.sec.state.ma.us/ele](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele) or by calling 1-800-462-VOTE (8683).

Town of Rehoboth  
Rehoboth, Massachusetts 02769

Important  
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June 30, 2020 Annual Town Election



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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON THE UPCOMING  
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION**

**JUNE 30, 2020**

**ALL THREE PRECINCTS**

(Precinct 1-Town Hall; Precinct 2- COA Senior Center; Precinct 3 - South Fire Station)

**VOTING AT ONE CENTRAL POLLING LOCATION - ONLY**  
**THE COA SENIOR CENTER**  
**(55 Bay State Street - Route 118)**

**12:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. POLLING HOURS - ONLY**