

ABSENTEE VOTING CHANGES 2022

In 2022, a new State law was passed that changes how any absentee voter can vote. This is due to the earlier counting of the absentee ballots. What does this mean for voters? Permanent absentee ballot voters and voters that were issued an absentee ballot will no longer be able to vote on the machine in-person. In the past, some voters applied for absentee ballots as a backup way to vote just in case they could not make it to the polls during Early Voting or on Election Day. This year, if an absentee voter wishes to vote in-person they will be given an Affidavit Ballot to complete at the poll site instead of being able to vote on the machine. Voters in NY now may only select one option for voting.

Those options include:

- Early Voting In-Person
- In-Person on Election Day
- Absentee

If you would like to opt out of receiving an absentee ballot, simply write a letter with your original signature requesting to cancel your absentee ballot prior to the Board of Elections issuing your absentee ballot. The letter should be addressed to the Dutchess County Board of Elections, 112 Delafield St., Poughkeepsie, NY, 12601.