



CITY OF BOWIE SPECIAL ELECTION - TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2026
ABSENTEE VOTER APPLICATION

(See attached Copy of Section 6-30 of the Bowie City Code Re: Absentee Voting Generally)

BOARD OF ELECTIONS OF
THE CITY OF BOWIE, MARYLAND
15901 Fred Robinson Way, Bowie, MD 20716

I, _____ residing at _____
_____ City State Zip

being a qualified voter in City Election District No. ____, do hereby apply for an absentee ballot for the City of Bowie Special Election to be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, in the City of Bowie, Maryland.

In Witness of the Truth of the Statement made above, I hereunto affix my signature this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Voter's Signature

Please Return My Ballot to the Following Address: _____

CITY CODE

Sec. 6-30. Absentee voting generally.

(a) Any qualified voter of the City, may vote as an absentee voter in any general or special election.

(b) The application for an absentee voting ballot must be made in writing and signed by the applicant or, if the applicant is unable to sign shall bear the mark of the applicant and the signature of two (2) witnesses. The application must be presented to the Board no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day before the Election, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. It may be presented by mail or delivered in person by the voter or the applicant's duly authorized agent. A voter may designate a duly authorized agent by any signed writing to that effect or if the applicant cannot sign then the writing shall bear the applicant's mark and the signature of two (2) witnesses. Whenever the board has received an application for an absentee voting ballot it shall issue to the applicant an absentee voting ballot.

(c) When the application is received by mail, the board shall issue the absentee voting ballot by return mail; when the application is presented in person by the voter or duly authorized agent, the board shall issue the absentee voting ballot to the voter or duly authorized agent at the time of application.

(d) Persons receiving absentee ballots shall also be furnished an official self-addressed return envelope for use in returning the marked ballots. Only those ballots returned in an official return envelope shall be counted and considered properly cast.

(e) All absentee voting ballots must be received by the time of the close of the polls on election day. The ballots are to remain in the unopened official return envelope in which they are received and be placed in any ballot box which is designated for the purpose of storing absentee ballots until they are to be counted. Ballots returned in any envelope other than the official return envelope shall be destroyed and not counted.

(f) The board shall open all absentee ballots only after all the polling places have been closed. Absentee ballots are thereafter to be opened, approved as to form, and totaled. The grand total of the ballots cast at the polling places and the ballots cast in absentia shall thereafter be added together and included in any official election result as determined by the board.

(g) Absentee ballots are to be preserved in the same manner as prescribed for any other election ballots in section 34 of the City Charter. (Sec. 6-30(a) amended by O-4-13, adopted 6/17/13, effective 7/17/13)