

## Permanent Absentee Balloting

**Public Act No. 12-57: "This bill makes electors with permanent disabilities eligible for permanent absentee status."**

**Eligibility:** "To be eligible for permanent absentee ballot status, an elector must file an absentee ballot application together with a doctor's certificate stating that [the elector has] a permanent disability and is unable to appear at the polling place.... A note from the elector's doctor (presumably on letterhead) indicating a disability and the statement that the elector is unable to appear in person at the polls would satisfy this requirement (doctor's certificate).

**Procedure:** The elector must obtain an absentee ballot application from the Town Clerk, file the completed application and the doctor's certificate with the Town Clerk. After these documents are received by the Town Clerk, they are forwarded by the Town Clerk to the Registrars of Voters "... so they can indicate permanent status on the elector's record...."

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