

NEWS RELEASE

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Regular School Election Absentee Ballots Available

CLINTON – Absentee ballots will be available beginning August 19, 2009, in the Clinton County Auditor's Office for the September 8, 2009, Regular School Election.

Clinton County Auditor Eric Van Lancker recommends those who are not yet registered to vote in the Regular School Election to register with the Auditor's office before 5 p.m. on August 28, 2009. While, election day registration will be available for the Regular School Election, Van Lancker encourages all citizens to register to vote in advance of any election.

Registered voters who will not be able to vote at their precinct on September 8 may request and vote an absentee ballot in person at the Auditor's office in the Clinton County Administration Building, 1900 N. Third St., Clinton.

A registered voter may also make a written request for an absentee ballot by mail by filling out an absentee ballot request form. That request must include the voter's name, address, date of birth, name of the election and either the voter's Iowa driver's license number or the last four digits of their social security number. The request must be signed by the person requesting the ballot and the request should be mailed to the Clinton County Auditor; P.O. Box 2957; Clinton, IA; 52733-2957. The deadline for requesting an absentee ballot by mail is 5:00 p.m. Thursday, September 3.

The ballots will be mailed out within 24 hours of receipt of the request. Voters are responsible for returning ballots to the Auditor's office before the polls close on September 8 at 8 p.m.

Those wishing to vote absentee at the Clinton County Auditor's office may do so between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, until September 4. A voter may not pick up a ballot at the office and take it with them. Ballots must be mailed to voters or voted in the office.

For more information about absentee voting, call the Auditor's office at 563-244-0568 or visit the Web site at www.clintoncounty-ia.gov/.