

Arkansas's governor and secretary of state have agreed to allow anyone with concerns over catching or spreading COVID-19 to vote via absentee ballots in the upcoming November election. The easement of state law applies only for registered voters, who must apply for an absentee ballot before October 27<sup>th</sup>. Terri Hollingsworth, Circuit and County Clerk of Pulaski County, says voters should request an absentee ballot application as soon as possible so officials have a better picture of how many ballots are needed.

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"...to accommodate that."

Applications for absentee ballots are available from the websites of both the Arkansas Secretary of State and individual county clerks. Hollingsworth says she would be in support of sending every registered voter in the county an absentee ballot application in the mail if her office could afford it.

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"...them the application."

Hollingsworth on Thursday wrote an open letter asking the governor and secretary of state to use emergency funds to supplement money counties will already receive from the \$2 Trillion dollar federal CARES Act. Absentee ballots must be received by 7:30 p.m. on Election Day, while the deadline to register to vote is October 5<sup>th</sup>.