

No. 19A1063

IN THE
Supreme Court of the United States

JOHN H. MERRILL, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE
STATE OF ALABAMA, AND THE STATE OF ALABAMA,

Applicants,

v.

PEOPLE FIRST OF ALABAMA, ET AL.,

Respondent.

RESPONDENTS' APPENDIX TO EMERGENCY APPLICATION FOR STAY

To the Honorable Clarence Thomas,
Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States and
Circuit Justice for the Eleventh Circuit

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**A LETTER TO ABSENTEE VOTERS REGARDING WITNESSING/NOTORIZING
BALLOTS**

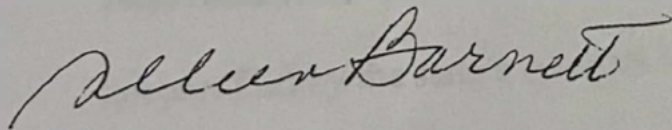
Enclosed is your absentee ballot for the upcoming primary run-off to be held on July 14, 2020.
Please be aware of the following:

State law requires that the Absentee Ballot be witnessed by two people or notarized. See Alabama Code Section 17-11-9. However, Federal Judge Abdul Kallon has issued a Preliminary Injunction Order that removes these requirements in certain circumstances in relation to the Primary Runoff. For your reference I am enclosing a copy of the Order.

I am enclosing a copy of the decision. Please read the decision and if it applies to your circumstance, please write the Judge's required statement on the back of the affidavit envelope near your signature.

Should you have any questions please contact me.

Sincerely,



Alleen Barnett
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ABSENTEE INFORMATION

[Judge Kallon Order Dated June 15, 2020 \(/media/1071/order.pdf\)](#)

Does my absentee ballot have to be witnessed or notarized?

For the July 14, 2020, runoff election, your absentee ballot does not need to be witnessed or notarized if it is unreasonable or impossible for you to safely find two witnesses or notary in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. To be exempt from this witness/notary requirement, your absentee ballot must include a written statement (signed by you under penalty of perjury) that you suffer from a medical condition (like asthma, diabetes, obesity, autoimmune deficiencies, etc.) that the CDC has identified as placing you at higher risk from COVID-19. Please see the list of medical conditions here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-higher-risk.html> (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-higher-risk.html>).

If you do not have a medical condition that places you at higher risk from COVID-19, your ballot still must either be notarized OR be witnessed by two people 18 years of age or older. These may be other family members. If your ballot has not been notarized or witnessed by 2 people, it will not be counted.

Do I have to include a copy of my photo ID with my absentee ballot application?

For the July 14, 2020, runoff election, your absentee ballot application does not need to include a copy of your photo ID if you (1) are age 65 or older OR have a disability AND (2) you determine it is impossible or unreasonable to safely satisfy the photo ID requirement. To be exempt from the photo ID requirement, your absentee ballot application must include a written statement (signed under penalty of perjury) that you are over age 65 OR that you have a disability.

If you are younger than 65 and do not have a disability, your ballot application must include a copy of your photo ID.

For any question concerning absentee, please contact:

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