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**MACOUPIN COUNTY CLERK NOW ACCEPTING  
REQUESTS TO VOTE BY MAIL**

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**Carlinville** - Macoupin County voters may now apply for a vote by mail ballot for the April 4, 2017 Consolidated Election, Macoupin County Clerk Pete Duncan announced.

Voters have been able to apply since January 4<sup>th</sup> and ballots will be sent out starting February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

"Although the Election is still just under 60 days away, voters can request a ballot now and it will be delivered to your mailbox in early March," Duncan said. "Applying now is the first step towards being able to vote from your own home at your convenience."

Duncan stressed that the Macoupin Election Office is now offering multiple ways to apply. Anyone can request a ballot online through MacoupinVotes.com, by phone, mail or in person.

Duncan stressed that applying online takes less than a minute and will remove a few steps of snail mail, making it more efficient for voters and the Election's office.. Voters will need the last four digits of their Social Security number, their driver's license or state identification card, and an email address. That information will be verified before the application is processed by the Election Office.

Duncan said he hopes greater numbers of Macoupin County voters take advantage of voting by mail or early voting in order to avoid congestion at the polls on Election Day. In the last presidential election about 16 percent of Macoupin votes were cast before Election Day. He said he hopes for a higher percentage this year.

Duncan did remind everyone that regardless of how the voter applies, the signature on their ballot certification will be compared against the signature in their voter file by a team of Democratic and Republican Election judges before their ballot is counted.

Anyone with questions should contact the Election office during office hours (8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.) at 217 854-3214 ext 707 or visit the MacoupinVotes.com website. Duncan did remind voters that state law requires that ballots will begin being mailed on February 23<sup>rd</sup> so voters should wait to check to see if their ballot has been mailed until early March.

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