

Absentee Voters Need Applications

Secretary of State Hugh J. Wade today reminded all Alaskan voters who plan to be away from their polling places on primary election day, August 23, that they can send in their applications now for absentee ballots.

The ballots will be ready for mailing by the middle of July, and anyone applying for a ballot now can have it sent to the address where he expects to be at that time.

Secretary Wade pointed out that a new State law makes it mandatory for each applicant this year to sign his own application himself. Wives and husbands cannot legally sign applications for each other, nor can parents request ballots for their voting age children who are away from home.

Wade said his office will furnish postcard application forms for an absentee ballot to anyone requesting them. He suggested that persons wishing to assist a relative or friend away from home obtain a ballot simply send him such a card, or request that Wade's office do so.

Otherwise, Wade said, a letter signed by the voter, requesting a ballot and giving his permanent Alaska address and the address to which he wants his ballot

mailed, will suffice.

Such a letter should be addressed to the Secretary of State in Juneau, or to the District Judge or Magistrate in the election district where the voter lives.

Secretary Wade also suggested that those voters going out of town within fifteen days prior to the election might find it more convenient to vote in person at the office of the District Judge or Magistrate in their election district before they go.

The law requires the Judges and Magistrates to furnish ballots to any qualified voter in the proper election district who requests one in person during the 15 days preceding a state election.