

## **PRESS RELEASE #13 – EMERGENCY INCAPACITATION**

**Suggested Release Date: 14 Days Prior to Election or After Absentee Ballot  
Deadline Has Passed**

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### **REQUEST AN EMERGENCY BALLOT FOR THE November 5 ELECTION**

Registered voters who become physically incapacitated after 5:00 p.m. Monday, October 21 and are unable make it to the polls, still have an opportunity to cast their ballot.

Blaine County Election Board Secretary Brenda Rice said that state law permits voters who become emergency incapacitated after 5:00 p.m. Monday, October 21 to vote under special provisions. Rice said emergency incapacitation is something most voters don't think about. "Voting is our constitutional right, but life happens. Injury, illness, or even childbirth can prevent a voter from being able to go to the polls. That's why it's important to make sure voters know their rights in the event of an emergency."

If you or someone you know becomes physically incapacitated after 5:00 p.m. October 21, contact your County Election Board as soon as possible. Rice said Election Board officials will work with you to make sure you have all of the necessary information to cast your ballot. Information can also be found on the Oklahoma State Election Board website at [oklahoma.gov/elections](https://oklahoma.gov/elections).

The Blaine County Election Board is located at 212 N Weigle and is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Election Board officials can be reached at (580)623-5518 or by email at blainecounty@elections.ok.gov.

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