**Know the rules in your state**

## **Who is eligible to vote**

To be eligible to register to vote you **MUST**

1. Be a United States citizen
2. Reside at the address you are registering; and
3. Be 18 years of age.

Can 17-year-olds turning 18 by Election Day register in your state?  Yes  / No

**Note:** Be careful not to register non-citizens as this can hurt their application for citizenship

## **How to register to vote in your state**

## Send mail in form to: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

## Register In person at: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

## Is there online voter registration in your state? Yes / No   Website? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Does your state offer SAME DAY REGISTRATION?   Yes /  No
2. Does your state offer EARLY VOTING? Yes /  No
3. Does your state have NO EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING? Yes /  No
4. Does your state have mail in voting? Yes / No
5. Do you have to declare a party in order to vote in primary or caucus? Yes / No

*In a closed primary, only voters registered with a given party can vote in that party’s primary. Special deadlines for changing party affiliation may apply.*

## **Important Dates**

## The next primary date is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

## The next election day is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

## Polls are open:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

## Deadline for registering to vote is  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ days before an election.

## Absentee Ballots are available \_\_\_\_\_\_ days before an election.

**Notes:**

## **What are the voter id requirements to vote in my state?** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Note: In all states, first time voters who haven't registered in person must present a valid photo ID and/or proof of residence, a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name and address of the voter.

## **Voting with a felony conviction**

## What are the rules for people with a felony conviction? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Visit [NonprofitVote](https://www.nonprofitvote.org/voting-in-your-state/).org to learn the voting laws for people with a felony in your state.

## **How to find out if someone is registered and where they vote**

Check online at current address at **Vote.org**.

## **If you move,** you must fill out another registration card if you move **anywhere**.

## **Voters with Disabilities**

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal civil rights law that provides protections to people with disabilities.

* If a voter has difficulty standing, they can ask to move to the front of the line or for chair.
* If a voter is visually impaired, there is an accommodation (usually via phone) at every polling place.

**Notes:**

## **How do residents of Nursing Homes, assisted living facilities, or psychiatric institutions Vote?**

Contact your local Registrar of Voters. They are mandated to visit these types of living locations to provide supervised absentee voting.

**Notes:**

**Victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking or risk of injury to a minor**

Victims of crimes can take part in the Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) called Safe at Home. For information, go online to http://nnedv.org/resources/coalitions.html to find your local Domestic violence center.

**Notes:**

## **Homeless individuals can register and vote!**

The homeless have a right to vote!

* Homeless individuals can list their shelter’s address, a street corner or park and will vote in that district.
* They will need a form of identification.

## **Absentee Ballots**

Absentee voting is conducted before Election Day. A ballot is available to be mailed to voters who qualify.  Rules vary in each state, visit <https://www.vote.org/absentee-voting-rules/>

***Permanent Absentee Ballot***

* Permanent Absentee ballots are available for those with disabilities and are unable to appear at the polls in person.
* To apply for a permanent absentee ballot, the voter submits a standard absentee ballot application, accompanied by a note from the voter’s physician, stating that the voter is unable to appear in person at the polls.

***Emergency applications for absentee ballot can be filled out within six days of an election.***

## **College Students**

College students can vote via absentee ballot from home or register to vote at campus/local address. See dates and deadlines for absentee ballots and registration **for the state in which you will vote.**

**Notes:**