

Mark Your Calendar!



Citizen's Guide to Voting and Voter Registration in Massachusetts



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Register to **VOTE**



You must be a



U.S. Citizen



Resident of Massachusetts



18 years or older on or
before Election Day

For more information on elections and voting in MA visit www.sec.state.ma.us, call the Elections Divisions toll free at 1-800-462-VOTE (8683) or 617-727-2828 or send an email at elections@sec.state.ma.us.

If you have general elections/voting questions and/ or are experiencing problems at the polls contact the Election Protection Hotline at 1-866-OUR-VOTE (1-866-687-8683).

Visit our website at www.massvote.org or call us at 617-542-8683 for voter help, news on election reform and information on volunteering and working with non-profit organizations to help protect the right to vote.

Information for Voters

- ✓ If you have a CORI you can still vote. Past convictions do not affect your ability to vote. People on parole or probation can vote. Only people currently incarcerated for a felony conviction cannot vote. You must be re-registered to vote since your release.
- ✓ All polling locations in Massachusetts should be accessible for persons with disabilities. A voter can choose someone to assist them entering the polling location, checking in, entering the voting booth, preparing the ballot, exiting the booth and checking out.
- ✓ If you are a student living in Massachusetts for college, where you register to vote (in MA or your home state) is entirely up to you. You may not, however, be registered to vote in more than one place.
- ✓ Usually only first-time or infrequent voters in Massachusetts are required to show some type of identification to their polling place when they go to vote. This does not need to be photo ID. Acceptable forms of identification include: a Massachusetts driver's license or state ID card; a utility bill; a government-issued check; or any other official document bearing the voter's name and the address at which they are registered.

By Mail: You can request a voter registration form at www.sec.state.ma.us. A form can be mailed to you by calling the Elections Divisions at 617-727-2828 OR **you can download a voter registration form as a PDF on the website.**

After filling out the form you must sign it and send it to your local city/town hall at least 20 days before Election Day.

You can find your local city/town hall and polling locations at www.WhereDoIVoteMA.com

At the Registry of Motor Vehicles: You can register to vote or update your voter registration information when you apply for, renew, or request a duplicate driver's license and have filled out the appropriate "Voter Registration" section of the form in person at the RMV.

Normally you should receive confirmation of your voter status within 2 to 3 weeks from the date you registered. **If you have not received confirmation please contact your local election office.**

To register to **vote in other states**, you can download a [National Voter Registration form](#) from the U.S. Election Assistance Commission at www.eac.gov

Voting by Absentee Ballot

You can vote by absentee ballot if you:



Will be absent from your city or town on Election Day, and/or



Have a physical disability that prevents your voting at the polling place, and/or



Cannot vote at the polls due to religious beliefs

To have an absentee ballot mailed to you, you can apply in writing to your city or town clerk or election commission OR download an application as a PDF form at www.sec.state.ma.us

To apply in writing your letter must include your:

- name
- address as registered
- ward and precinct (if you know them)
- address where you wish the absentee ballot sent
- in a primary, the party ballot you want, and
- your signature

Your ballot will come with instructions and a set of return envelopes. Be sure to place proper postage and mail back your completed ballot to your city or town hall. You may be able to apply and vote absentee in-person at your city or town hall, please contact your local elections official.

To be counted, a completed ballot must be received by your city or town hall by the time the polls close on Election Day. Polls are open from 7AM-8PM. Absentee ballots cannot be dropped off at your polling location.

You must be a registered voter to vote by absentee ballot.

Elderly and disabled voters may vote from home. Call your local election official for information about how to register to vote at home. The local election official will mail you an application for an absentee ballot. Disabled voters must file a letter from their doctor with the town or city clerk or election commission.