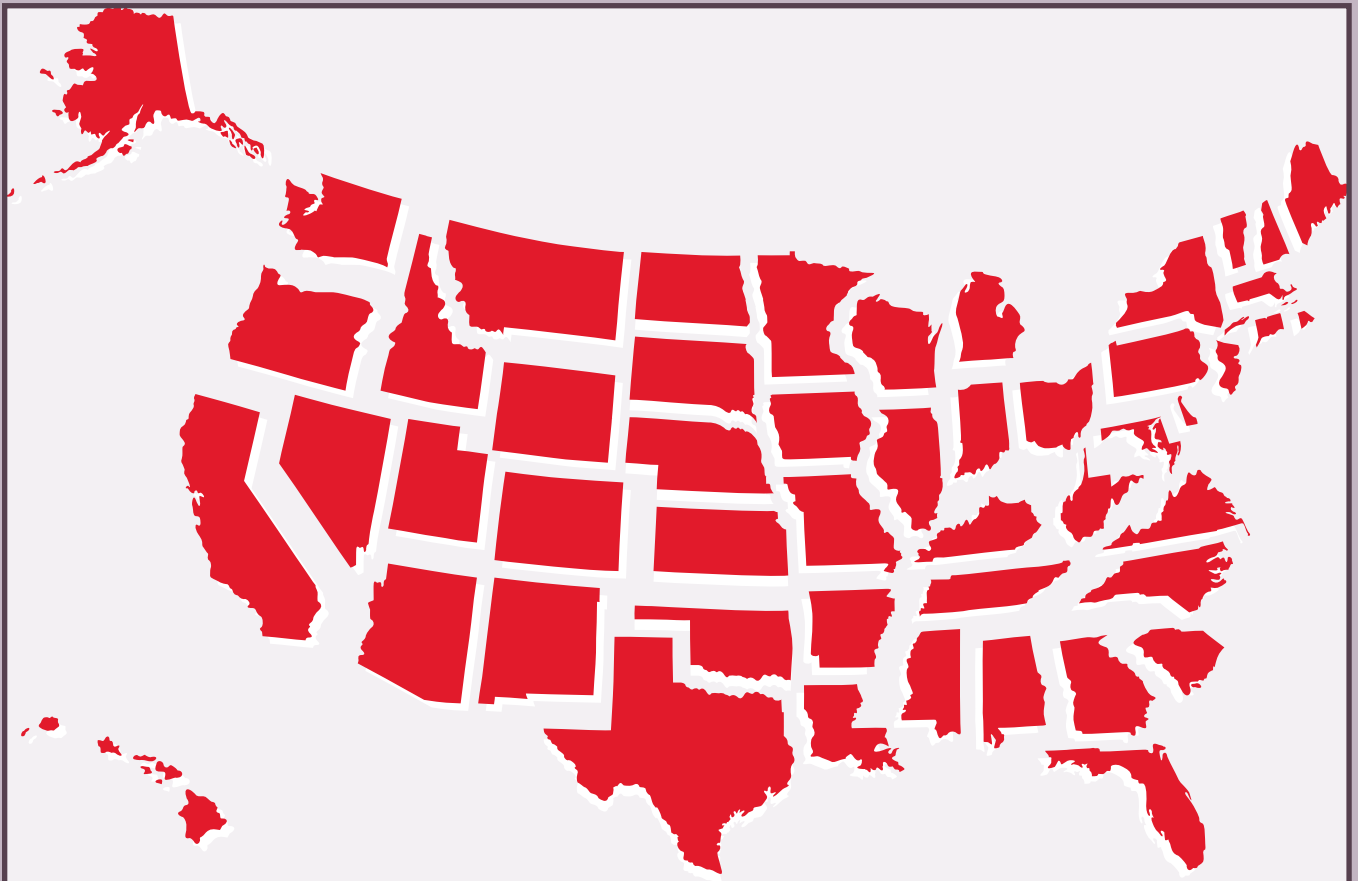


# Register To Vote In Your State By Using This Postcard Form and Guide



**For U.S. Citizens**

# General Instructions

## Who Can Use this Application

If you are a U.S. citizen who lives or has an address within the United States, you can use the application in this booklet to:

- Register to vote in your State,
- Report a change of name to your voter registration office,
- Report a change of address to your voter registration office, or
- Register with a political party.

## Exceptions

Please do not use this application if you live outside the United States and its territories and have no home (legal) address in this country, *or* if you are in the military stationed away from home. Use the Federal Postcard Application available to you from military bases, American embassies, or consular offices.

**New Hampshire** town and city clerks will accept this application only as a request for their own absentee voter mail-in registration form.

**North Dakota** does not have voter registration.

**Wyoming** law does not permit mail registration.

## How to Find Out If You Are Eligible to Register to Vote in Your State

Each State has its own laws about who may register and vote. Check the information under your State in the State Instructions.

*Note:* All States require that you be a United States citizen by birth or naturalization to register to vote in federal and State elections. Federal law makes it illegal to falsely claim U.S. citizenship to register to vote in any federal, State, or local election.

*Also Note:* You **cannot** be registered to vote in more than one place at a time.

## How to Fill Out this Application

Use both the Application Instructions and State Instructions to guide you in filling out the application.

First, read the Application Instructions. These instructions will give you important information that applies to everyone using this application.

Next, find your State under the State Instructions. Use these instructions to fill out Boxes 6, 7, and 8. Also refer to these instructions for information about voter eligibility and any oath required for Box 9.

## When to Register to Vote

Each State has its own deadline for registering to vote. Check the deadline for your State on the last page of this booklet.

## How to Submit Your Application

Mail your application to the address listed under your State in the State Instructions. Or, deliver the application in person to your local voter registration office.

The remaining States that accept the national form will accept copies of the application printed from the computer image on regular paper stock, signed by the applicant, and mailed in an envelope with the correct postage.

## First Time Voters Who Register by Mail

If you are registering to vote for the first time in your jurisdiction and are mailing this registration application, you may be required to provide proof of identification the first time you vote.

Depending on the specific requirements of your State, you may avoid providing identification at the polls when you vote for the first time by mailing a copy of an identification document together with this application. The list of acceptable documents is included in the State Instructions.

**Do not include original documents with this application.**

**Please read the accompanying State Instructions to determine the voter identification requirements for your State.**

## If You Were Given this Application in a State Agency or Public Office

If you have been given this application in a State agency or public office, it is your choice to use the application or not.

If you decide to use this application to register to vote, you can fill it out and leave it with the State agency or public office. The application will be submitted for you. Or, you can take it with you to mail to the address listed under your State in the State Instructions. You also may take it with you to deliver in person to your local voter registration office.

*Note:* The name and location of the State agency or public office where you received the application will remain confidential. It will not appear on your application. Also, if you decide not to use this application to register to vote, that decision will remain confidential. It will not affect the service you receive from the agency or office.

# Application Instructions

Before filling out the body of the form, please answer the questions on the top of the form as to whether you are a United States citizen and whether you will be 18 years old on or before election day. If you answer no to either of these questions, you may not use this form to register to vote. However, state specific instructions may provide additional information on eligibility to register to vote prior to age 18.

## Box 1 — Name

Put in this box your full name in this order — Last, First, Middle. Do not use nicknames or initials.

*Note:* If this application is for a change of name, please tell us in **Box A** (*on the bottom half of the form*) your full name before you changed it.

## Box 2 — Home Address

Put in this box your home address (legal address). Do **not** put your mailing address here if it is different from your home address. Do **not** use a post office box or rural route without a box number. Refer to state-specific instructions for rules regarding use of route numbers.

*Note:* If you were registered before *but* this is the first time you are registering from the address in Box 2, please tell us in **Box B** (*on the bottom half of the form*) the address where you were registered before. Please give us as much of the address as you can remember.

*Also Note:* If you live in a rural area but do not have a street address, or if you have no address, please show where you live using the map in **Box C** (*at the bottom of the form*).

## Box 3 — Mailing Address

If you get your mail at an address that is different from the address in Box 2, put your mailing address in this box.

*Note:* If you have no address in Box 2, you **must** write in Box 3 an address where you can be reached by mail.

## Box 4 — Date of Birth

Put in this box your date of birth in this order — Month, Day, Year. *Be careful not to use today's date!*

## Box 5 — Telephone Number

Most States ask for your telephone number in case there are questions about your application. However, you do **not** have to fill in this box.

## Box 6 — ID Number

Federal law requires that states collect from each registrant an identification number. You must refer to your state's specific instructions for item 6 regarding information on what number is acceptable for your state. If you have neither a drivers license nor a social security number, please indicate this on the form and a number will be assigned to you by your state.

## Box 7 — Choice of Party

In some States, you must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention. To find out if your State requires this, see item 7 in the instructions under your State.

If you want to register with a party, print in the box the full name of the party of your choice.

If you do **not** want to register with a party, write "no party" or leave the box blank. Do **not** write in the word "independent" if you mean "no party," because this might be confused with the name of a political party in your State.

*Note:* If you do not register with a party, you can still vote in general elections and nonpartisan (nonparty) primary elections.

## Box 8 — Race or Ethnic Group

A few States ask for your race or ethnic group, in order to administer the Federal Voting Rights Act. To find out if your State asks for this information, see item 8 in the instructions under your State. If so, put in Box 8 the choice that best describes you from the list below:

- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Asian or Pacific Islander
- Black, *not of* Hispanic Origin
- Hispanic
- Multi-racial
- White, *not of* Hispanic Origin
- Other

## Box 9 — Signature

Review the information in item 9 in the instructions under your State. Before you sign or make your mark, make sure that:

- (1) You meet your State's requirements, and
- (2) You understand **all** of Box 9.

Finally, sign your **full** name or make your mark, and print today's date in this order — Month, Day, Year.

If the applicant is unable to sign, put in **Box D** the name, address, and telephone number (optional) of the person who helped the applicant.

# Voter Registration Application

**Before completing this form, review the General, Application, and State specific instructions.**

Are you a citizen of the United States of America? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Will you be 18 years old on or before election day? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <b>If you checked "No" in response to either of these questions, do not complete form.</b> (Please see state-specific instructions for rules regarding eligibility to register prior to age 18.)		This space for office use only.				
<b>1</b>	(Circle one) Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms.	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name(s)	(Circle one) Jr Sr II III IV	
<b>2</b>	Home Address		Apt. or Lot #	City/Town	State	Zip Code
<b>3</b>	Address Where You Get Your Mail If Different From Above			City/Town	State	Zip Code
<b>4</b>	Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____ Month Day Year		<b>5</b>	Telephone Number (optional)		<b>6</b> ID Number - (See Item 6 in the instructions for your state)
<b>7</b>	Choice of Party (see item 7 in the instructions for your State)		<b>8</b>	Race or Ethnic Group (see item 8 in the instructions for your State)		
<b>9</b>	I have reviewed my state's instructions and I swear/affirm that: <input type="checkbox"/> I am a United States citizen <input type="checkbox"/> I meet the eligibility requirements of my state and subscribe to any oath required. <input type="checkbox"/> The information I have provided is true to the best of my knowledge under penalty of perjury. If I have provided false information, I may be fined, imprisoned, or (if not a U.S. citizen) deported from or refused entry to the United States.			_____ Please sign full name (or put mark) ▲ Date: _____ Month Day Year		

**If you are registering to vote for the first time:** please refer to the application instructions for information on submitting copies of valid identification documents with this form.

## Please fill out the sections below if they apply to you.

If this application is for a **change of name**, what was your name before you changed it?

<b>A</b>	Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms.	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name(s)	(Circle one) Jr Sr II III IV
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If you were **registered before but this is the first time you are registering from the address in Box 2**, what was your address where you were registered before?

<b>B</b>	Street (or route and box number)	Apt. or Lot #	City/Town/County	State	Zip Code
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If you live in a rural area but do not have a street number, or if you have no address, please show on the map where you live.

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If the applicant is unable to sign, who helped the applicant fill out this application? Give name, address and phone number (phone number optional).

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Mail this application to the address provided for your State.

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<b>3</b>	Address Where You Get Your Mail If Different From Above			City/Town	State	Zip Code
<b>4</b>	Date of Birth ____/____/____ Month Day Year		<b>5</b>	Telephone Number (optional)		<b>6</b>
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## Please fill out the sections below if they apply to you.

If this application is for a **change of name**, what was your name before you changed it?

<b>A</b>	Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms.	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name(s)	(Circle one) Jr Sr II III IV
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If you were **registered before but this is the first time you are registering from the address in Box 2**, what was your address where you were registered before?

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**Mail this application to the address provided for your State.**

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# State Instructions

## Alabama

**Registration Deadline** — Voter registration is closed during the ten days preceding an election. Applications must be postmarked or delivered by the eleventh day prior to the election.

**6. ID Number.** Your social security number is requested (by authority of the Alabama Supreme Court, 17-4-122).

**7. Choice of Party.** Optional: You do not have to register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.

**8. Race or Ethnic Group.** You are required to fill in this box, however, your application will not be rejected if you fail to do so. See the list of choices under the Application Instructions for Box 8 (on page 2).

**9. Signature.** To register in Alabama you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Alabama and your county at the time of registration
- be 18 years old before any election
- not have been convicted of a felony punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary (or have had your civil and political rights restored)
- not currently be declared mentally incompetent through a competency hearing
- swear or affirm to "support and defend the Constitution of the U.S. and the State of Alabama and further disavow any belief or affiliation with any group which advocates the overthrow of the governments of the U.S. or the State of Alabama by unlawful means and that the information contained herein is true, so help me God"

### Attention: Proof of Voter Identification

*(Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act of 2002)*

If this form is submitted by mail and it is the first time you have registered to vote in your jurisdiction, you **MUST** submit current, valid proof of identification with this application or the first time you vote in a federal election. To send it with this application you should enclose one of the following:

(1) A **COPY** of a current and valid photo identification **OR**

(2) A **COPY** of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows your name and address in the jurisdiction.

Submitting your proof of identification now with the application will allow you to avoid the federal requirement to show this proof at the polling place or, if voting by mail, to avoid sending it with your mail-in-ballot. If you do not provide proof of identification, you may cast a provisional ballot.

*Voters may also be required to show proof of identification under State law.*

### Mailing address:

Office of the Secretary of State  
P.O. Box 5616  
Montgomery, AL 36103-5616

## Alaska

**Registration Deadline** — 30 days before the election.

**6. ID Number.** You must provide one of the following identification numbers; Alaska Driver's License or Alaska State Identification Card Number, or last four digits of your Social Security Number. If you do not have any of these identification numbers, please write "NONE" on the form. A unique identifying number will be assigned to you for voter registration purposes. This information is kept confidential. Having this information assists in maintaining your voter record and may assist in verifying your identity (Title 15 of the Alaska Statutes).

**7. Choice of Party.** You do not have to declare a party affiliation when registering to vote. If you do not choose a party, you will be registered as Undeclared. Alaska has a closed primary election system. Each recognized political party has a separate ballot listing only candidates from that political party. Voters registered as a member of a political party may only vote that party's ballot. Voters registered as undeclared or non-partisan may choose one ballot from the ballots available.

**8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.

**9. Signature.** To register in Alaska you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be at least 18 years old within 90 days of completing this registration
- be a resident of Alaska
- not be a convicted felon (unless unconditionally discharged)
- not be registered to vote in another State

### Attention: Proof of Voter Identification

*(Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act of 2002)*

If this form is submitted by mail or by fax, you are initially registering or reregistering to vote in Alaska and you do not have the identifying numbers required in Box 6 or the numbers you provided cannot be verified, you will be required to provide documentation verifying your identity when voting. The following documents will serve as identification for voting purposes:

- 1) Driver's License, State Identification Card, Current & Valid Photo ID, Passport, Birth Certificate or Hunting/Fishing License; or
- 2) Current Pay Stub, Current Utility Bill, Current Bank Statement or Other Government Document, each of which must include your name and current address.
- 3) Government Issued Check  
You may submit one of the forms of identification from 1) above with this application and satisfy the identification requirement. If you are initially registering to vote from outside the State of Alaska you must provide proof of residency with this application. If you do not provide proof of identification, you may cast a provisional ballot.

### Mailing address:

Division of Elections  
State of Alaska  
PO Box 110017  
Juneau, AK 99811-0017



# State Instructions

## Arizona

**Registration Deadline** — 29 days before the election.

**6. ID Number.** Your completed voter registration form must contain the number of your Arizona driver license, or non-operating identification license issued pursuant to A.R.S. § 28-3165, if the license is current and valid. If you *do not have* a current and valid Arizona driver license or non-operating identification license, you must include the last four digits of your social security number if one has been issued to you. If you do not have a current and valid driver license or non-operating identification license or a social security number, please write “NONE” on the form. A unique identifying number will be assigned by the Secretary of State.

**7. Choice of Party.** If you are registered in a political party which has qualified for ballot recognition, you will be permitted to vote the primary election ballot for that party. If you are registered as an independent, no party preference or as a member of a party which is not qualified for ballot recognition, you may select and vote one primary election ballot for one of the recognized political parties.

**8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.

**9. Signature.** To register in Arizona you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Arizona and your county at least 29 days preceding the next election
- be 18 years old on or before the next general election
- not have been convicted of treason or a felony (or have had your civil rights restored)
- not currently be declared an incapacitated person by a court of law

### Attention: Proof of Voter Identification

*(Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act of 2002)*

If this form is submitted by mail and it is the first time you have registered to vote in your jurisdiction, you **MUST** submit current, valid proof of identification with this application or the first time you vote in a federal election. To send it with this application you should enclose one of the following:

- 1) A **COPY** of a current and valid photo identification **OR**
- 2) A **COPY** of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows your name and address in the jurisdiction.

Submitting your proof of identification now with the application will allow you to avoid the federal requirement to show this proof at the polling place or, if voting by mail, to avoid sending it with your mail-in-ballot. If you do not provide proof of identification, you may cast a provisional ballot.

*Voters may also be required to show proof of identification under State law.*

### Mailing address:

Secretary of State/Elections  
1700 W. Washington, 7th Floor  
Phoenix, AZ 85007-2888

## Arkansas

**Registration Deadline** — 30 days before the election.

**6. ID Number.** Provide the appropriate number. Driver’s license number/ Last 4 digits of social security number. Indicate if you have neither a driver’s license nor social security number.

**7. Choice of Party.** Optional. You do not have to register with a party if you want to take part in that party’s primary election, caucus, or convention.

**8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.

**9. Signature.** To register in Arkansas you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- live in Arkansas at the address in Box 2 on the application
- be at least 18 years old before the next election
- not be a convicted felon (or have completely discharged your sentence or been pardoned)
- not claim the right to vote in any other jurisdiction
- not previously be adjudged mentally incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction

### Attention: Proof of Voter Identification

*(Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act of 2002)*

**IMPORTANT:** If you are a first time registrant submitting this application by mail, a current and valid photo ID or a **COPY** of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows your name and address **MUST** be submitted with this application in order to avoid additional ID requirements upon voting for the first time. If you do not provide proof of identification, you may cast a provisional ballot.

*Voters may also be required to show proof of identification under State law.*

### Mailing address:

Secretary of State  
Voter Services  
P.O. Box 8111  
Little Rock, AR 72203-8111

# State Instructions

## California

**Registration Deadline** — 15 days before the election.

**6. ID Number** When you register to vote, you must provide your California driver's license or California identification card number, if you have one. If you do not have a driver's license or ID card, you must provide the last four digits of your Social Security Number (SSN). If you do not include this information, you will be required to provide identification when you vote.

**7. Choice of Party.** Please enter the name of the political party with which you wish to register. If you do not wish to register with any party, enter "Decline to State" in the space provided.

California law allows voters who "decline to state" an affiliation with a qualified political party or who affiliate with a nonqualified political party to vote in the primary election of any qualified political party that files a notice with the Secretary of State allowing them to do so. You can call 1-800-345-VOTE or visit [www.ss.ca.gov](http://www.ss.ca.gov) to learn which political parties are allowing nonaffiliated voters to participate in their primary election.

**8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.

**9. Signature.** To register in California you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
  - be a resident of California
  - be at least 18 years of age at the time of the next election
  - not be imprisoned or on parole for the conviction of a felony
  - not currently be judged mentally incompetent by a court of law
- Signature is required. If you meet the requirements listed above, please sign and date the registration card in the space provided.

### **Attention: Proof of Voter Identification**

*(Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act of 2002)*

#### **Voting in person:**

- A first-time voter who registers by mail must present to the appropriate state or local election official:
  - 1) a current and valid photo identification; or

- 2) a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name and address of the voter.

#### **Voting by mail:**

- A first-time voter who registers by mail must submit a **COPY** of one of the following documents with his or her absentee ballot:
  - 1) current and valid photo identification; **OR**
  - 2) current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name and address of the voter.

#### **For Those Who Register by Mail:**

Persons who register to vote by mail and submit a driver's license number that the state or local election official can match with an existing state identification record will not be required to provide identification when they vote. Additionally, voters will not be required to provide identification when they vote if they are: (i) provided the right to vote otherwise than in person under the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act; or (ii) entitled to vote otherwise than in person under any other Federal law.

These identification requirements only apply to elections in which there is a federal office on the ballot. If you do not provide proof of identification, you may cast a provisional ballot.

#### **Mailing address:**

Secretary of State  
Elections Division  
1500 11th Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

# State Instructions

## Colorado

**Registration Deadline** — 29 days before the election. If the application is received in the mails without a postmark, it must be received within 5 days of the close of registration.

**6. ID Number.** Colorado requires a Colorado driver's license number or ID number issued by the State Department of Revenue plus at least the last 4 digits of your social security number in order to register to vote. If you have not been issued a Colorado driver's license or ID by the Department of Motor Vehicles of the State Department of Revenue, please write "NONE" on the form. You will then be issued a unique identification number.

**7. Choice of Party.** You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.

**8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.

**9. Signature.** To register in Colorado you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Colorado 30 days prior to the election
- be 18 years old on or before election day
- not be confined as a prisoner or serving any part of a sentence under mandate

### Attention: Proof of Voter Identification

*(Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act of 2002)*

If you are registering to vote for the first time in the state of Colorado and are mailing this registration application, a **COPY** of one of the following forms of identification information is required to be submitted with the mail-in registration form:

- A valid Colorado driver's license; or
- A valid Colorado Department of Revenue identification card; or
- A valid U.S. passport; or
- A valid pilot's license with photograph issued by the Federal Aviation Administration; or
- A valid employee identification with a photograph issued by the U.S. Government, Colorado state government, or any county, municipality, board, authority, or other political subdivision of the state; or

- A valid U.S. Military Identification card with photograph; or

- A **COPY** of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name and address of the elector; or

- At least the last four digits of the person's social security number.

- The approved forms of identification must show you're address as being in the state of Colorado.

### Do not include original documents with this application.

IF YOU DO NOT SUBMIT PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION WITH YOUR MAIL-IN REGISTRATION FORM, YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION USING THE TYPES OF IDENTIFICATION DESCRIBED ABOVE AT THE TIME OF VOTING.

If you do not provide proof of identification, you may cast a provisional ballot.

### Mailing address:

Secretary of State  
c/o Elections  
1560 Broadway, Suite 200  
Denver, CO 80202

## Connecticut

**Registration Deadline** — 14 days before the election.

**6. ID Number.** Connecticut Driver's License Number, or if none, the last four digits of your Social Security Number..

**7. Choice of Party.** This is optional, but you must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.

**8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.

**9. Signature.** To register in Connecticut you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Connecticut and of the town in which you wish to vote
- be 17 years old. You can vote when you turn 18.
- have completed confinement and parole if previously convicted of a felony, and have had your voting rights restored by Registrars of Voters.
- not currently be declared mentally incompetent to vote by a court of law

### Attention: Proof of Voter Identification

*(Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act of 2002)*

If (1) you submit this form by mail and (2) you are registering for the first time in town, you may wish to submit with this application (a) a **COPY** of a current and valid photo I.D. or (b) a **COPY** of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or government that shows your name and address, in order to avoid additional I.D. requirements the first time you vote. If you do not provide proof of identification, you may cast a provisional ballot.

### Mailing address:

Secretary of State  
Elections Division  
30 Trinity Street  
Hartford, CT 06106

# State Instructions

## Delaware

**Registration Deadline** — 20 days prior to the general election and 20 days prior to any primary election.

**6. ID Number.** Your social security number is requested. Your social security number is used as necessary for administrative purposes related to voting, including to identify you as a registered voter, to ensure no individual is registered in more than one place, to verify address, voting districts, and other information and may be used for any other lawful purpose. The registration application containing your social security number will become part of the registration records of your county (Title 15, Sec. 1302, Del. Code and 5 U.S.C.A., Sec. 552a [Sec. 7 of the Privacy Act of 1974]).

**7. Choice of Party.** You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.

**8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.

**9. Signature.** To register in Delaware you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a permanent resident of Delaware
- be at least 18 years old on the date of the next general election
- felons are eligible to vote if certain requirements are met: fines and sentence completed at least five years prior to application date; felony convictions can not be disqualifying felonies, which are murder, sexual offenses, or crimes against public administration involving bribery or improper influence or abuse of office.
- not be mentally incompetent

### Attention: Proof of Voter Identification

*(Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act of 2002)*

If this form is submitted by mail and it is the first time you have registered to vote in your jurisdiction, you **MUST** submit current, valid proof of identification with this application or the first time you vote in a federal election. To send it with this application you should enclose one of the following:

1) A **COPY** of a current and valid photo identification **OR**

2) A **COPY** of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows your name and address in the jurisdiction.

Submitting your proof of identification now with the application will allow you to avoid the federal requirement to show this proof at the polling place or, if voting by mail, to avoid sending it with your mail-in-ballot. If you do not provide proof of identification, you may cast a provisional ballot.

*Voters may also be required to show proof of identification under State law.*

### Mailing address:

Commissioner of Elections  
32 W. Lookerman Street, M101  
Dover, DE 19904

## District of Columbia

**Registration Deadline** — 30 days before the election.

**6. ID Number.** Federal law now requires that all voter registration applications must include either the applicant's driver's license number or the last four digits of the applicant's social security number in order to be processed.

**7. Choice of Party.** You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.

**8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.

**9. Signature.** To register in the District of Columbia you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a District of Columbia resident at least 30 days preceding the next election
- be at least 18 years old on or preceding the next election
- not be in jail for a felony conviction
- not have been judged "mentally incompetent" by a court of law
- not claim the right to vote anywhere outside D.C.

### Attention: Proof of Voter Identification

*(Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act of 2002)*

All first-time voters who register by mail must provide ID prior to voting.

In order to avoid having to present identification prior to casting a ballot for any Federal office at the polls on election day, or when casting a mail-in ballot, you must include a **COPY** of a current and valid photo identification, or a **COPY** of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other document that shows your name and address along with this form. If you do not provide proof of identification, you may cast a provisional ballot.

### Mailing address:

District of Columbia Board of  
Elections & Ethics  
441 4th Street, NW, Suite 250  
Washington, DC 20001-2745



# State Instructions

## Florida

**Registration Deadline** — 29 days before the election.

**6. ID Number.** If you have one, you must provide your Florida driver's license number or Florida identification card number. If you do not have a Florida driver's license or identification card, you must provide the last four digits of your social security number.

**7. Choice of Party.** You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.

**8. Race or Ethnic Group.** You are requested to fill in this box. See the list of choices under the Application Instructions for Box 8 (on page 2).

**9. Signature.** To register in Florida you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a legal resident of both the State of Florida and of the county in which you seek to be registered
- be 18 years old (you may pre-register if you are 17)
- not now be adjudicated mentally incapacitated with respect to voting in Florida or any other State
- not have been convicted of a felony without your civil rights having been restored pursuant to law
- not claim the right to vote in another county or state
- swear or affirm the following: "I will protect and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Florida, that I am qualified to register as an elector under the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, and that I am a citizen of the United States and a legal resident of Florida"

### Attention: Proof of Voter Identification

*(Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act of 2002)*

Beginning in 2004, federal ID requirements will apply to any first-time voter who:

- Registered to vote by mail after January 1, 2003, and
- Has not previously voted in an election in the county in which he or she is registered

When voting the first time, these voters will need to present at the polls current, valid picture identification.

These first time voters may not sign the affirmation of identity in lieu of presenting a picture ID. Any such voter not presenting the required identification will vote a provisional ballot.

When voting the first time, if by absentee ballot, these first time voters will need to provide a **COPY** of:

- Current and valid picture identification, or
- **COPY** of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document (excluding a voter identification card) that shows the name and address of the voter.

Failure to provide a **COPY** of required identification with the absentee ballot will cause the ballot to be treated as a provisional ballot.

If you wish to avoid providing the identification required of first-time voters, you may enclose a **COPY** of one of the above listed documents along with this application. (**DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL ID DOCUMENTS BY MAIL**)

*Voters may also be required to show proof of identification under State law.*

### Mailing address:

State of Florida  
Department of State  
Division of Elections  
107 West Gaines Street, Room 231  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250

## Georgia

**Registration Deadline** — The fifth Monday before any general primary, general election, or presidential preference primary, or regularly scheduled special election pursuant to the Georgia Election Code. In the event that a special election is scheduled on a date other than those dates prescribed by the Georgia Election Code, registration would close on the 5th day after the call.

**6. ID Number.** Your full social security number is required. Your social security number will remain confidential and will not be disclosed except as required by law. The number will be used to identify and verify the identity of voters (Georgia Election Code, O.C.G.A. Ch. 21-2-219, 21-2-220, 21-2-225).

**7. Choice of Party.** You do not have to register with a party to take part in that party's primary, caucus or convention.

**8. Race or Ethnic Group.** You are requested to fill in this box. See the list of choices under the Application Instructions for Box 8 (on page 2).

**9. Signature.** To register in Georgia you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a legal resident of Georgia and of the county in which you want to vote
- be 18 years old within six months after the day of registration, and be 18 years old to vote
- not be serving a sentence for having been convicted of a felony
- not have been judicially determined to be mentally incompetent, unless the disability has been removed

### Attention: Proof of Voter Identification

*(Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act of 2002)*

If you are submitting this form by mail and you are registering for the first time in Georgia, attach a **COPY** of one of the following with your application: A **COPY** of a current and valid photo ID, a **COPY** of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or government document that shows your name and address. If you do not provide proof of identification, you may cast a provisional ballot.

### Mailing address:

Elections Division  
Office of the Secretary of State  
1104 West Tower  
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr., S.E.  
Atlanta, GA 30334-1505

# State Instructions

## Hawaii

**Registration Deadline** — 30 days before the election.

**6. ID Number.** Your full social security number is required. It is used to prevent fraudulent registration and voting. Failure to furnish this information will prevent acceptance of this application (Hawaii Revised Statutes, Section 11-15).

**7. Choice of Party.** A “choice of party” is not required for voter registration.

**8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Race or ethnic group information is not required for voter registration.

**9. Signature.** To register in Hawaii you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of the State of Hawaii
- be at least 16 years old (you must be 18 years old by election day in order to vote)
- not be incarcerated for a felony conviction
- not be adjudicated by a court as “non compos mentis”

### Attention: Proof of Voter Identification

*(Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act of 2002)*

If this form is submitted by mail and it is the first time you have registered to vote in your jurisdiction, you **MUST** submit current, valid proof of identification with this application or the first time you vote in a federal election. To send it with this application you should enclose one of the following:

- 1) A **COPY** of a current and valid photo identification **OR**
- 2) A **COPY** of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows your name and address in the jurisdiction.

Submitting your proof of identification now with the application will allow you to avoid the federal requirement to show this proof at the polling place or, if voting by mail, to avoid sending it with your mail-in-ballot. If you do not provide proof of identification, you may cast a provisional ballot.

*Voters may also be required to show proof of identification under State law.*

### Mailing address:

Office of Elections  
State of Hawaii  
802 Lehua Avenue  
Pearl City , HI 96782

## Idaho

**Registration Deadline** — 25 days before the election.

**6. ID Number.** Enter your driver’s license number. If you have no driver’s license , enter the last 4 digits of your social security number.

**7. Choice of Party.** You do not have to register with a party if you want to take part in that party’s primary election, caucus, or convention.

**8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.

**9. Signature.** To register in Idaho you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- have resided in Idaho and in the county for 30 days prior to the day of election
- be at least 18 years old
- not have been convicted of a felony, and without having been restored to the rights of citizenship, or confined in prison on conviction of a criminal offense

### Attention: Proof of Voter Identification

*(Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act of 2002)*

A **COPY** of a current and valid photo identification or a **COPY** of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or government document that shows your name and address must be submitted with this form or shown at the polls prior to voting. If you do not provide proof of identification, you may cast a provisional ballot.

### Mailing address:

Secretary of State  
P.O. Box 83720  
State Capitol Bldg.  
Boise, ID 83720-0080

## Illinois

**Registration Deadline** — 28 days prior to each election.

**6. ID Number.** Your driver’s license number is required to register to vote. If you do not have a driver’s license, at least the last four digits of your social security number are required. If you have neither, please write “NONE” on the form. A unique identifier will be assigned to you by the State.

**7. Choice of Party.** Party registration or preference is not required for voter registration. However, when you apply for a primary ballot, you must indicate your party preference for that election.

**8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.

**9. Signature.** A signature is required. If signature is missing from registration form, you will be notified your registration is incomplete.

To register in Illinois you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Illinois and of your election precinct at least 30 days before the next election
- be at least 18 years old on or before the next election
- not be in jail for a felony conviction
- not claim the right to vote anywhere else

### Attention: Proof of Voter Identification

*(Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act of 2002)*

If this form is submitted by mail, and this is the first time you have registered to vote in this jurisdiction, you must include with your registration a current and valid photo ID or a **COPY** of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other government document that shows your name and address. If requested identification is not included with your voter registration application then you must provide ID when you apply for a ballot or your ballot will be considered provisional. You must also vote in person the first time after you register by mail.

### Mailing address:

State Board of Elections  
1020 S. Spring Street  
Springfield, IL 62704

# State Instructions

## Indiana

**Registration Deadline** — 29 days before the election.

**6. ID Number.** Your state voter ID number is your ten digit Indiana issued driver's license number. If you do not possess an Indiana driver's license then provide the last four digits of your social security number. Please indicate which number was provided. (Indiana Code 3-7-13-13)

**7. Choice of Party.** Leave blank.

**8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.

**9. Signature.** To register in Indiana you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- have resided in the precinct at least 30 days before the next election
- be at least 18 years of age on the day of the next general election
- not currently be in jail for a criminal conviction

### Attention: Proof of Voter Identification

*(Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act of 2002)*

An individual who registers to vote by mail who has not previously voted in a federal general election in Indiana (or a special election for federal office in Indiana) must include with that mailing a **COPY** of the individual's current and valid photo identification or a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or government document that shows the name and address of the voter. If this documentation is not provided with the registration application, the voter will be required to provide the documentation before voting. If you do not provide proof of identification, you may cast a provisional ballot.

### Mailing address:

Election Division  
Office of the Secretary of State  
302 West Washington Street,  
Room E-204  
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2743

## Iowa

**Registration Deadline** — Must be delivered by 5 p.m. 10 days before the election, if it is a state primary or general election; 11 days before all others. Registration forms which are

postmarked 15 or more days before an election are considered on time even if received after the deadline.

**6. ID Number.** Your ID number is your Iowa driver's license number (or Iowa non-driver identification number) or your social security number. If you chose to list your social security number you must at least provide the last four digits. You do not have to put your full social security number on this form. You can sign up to vote, and vote, even if you do not put your full social security number on this form. Social security numbers are used to make sure that the same person is not registered to vote more than once. Social security numbers are taken off lists of voters sold to candidates or others. But social security numbers may be on original records on file in county auditor's offices and open for public viewing. Iowa law (Section 48A.11) permits the State to ask for your social security number on this form.

**7. Choice of Party.** You may, but do not have to, register with a party in advance if you want to take part in that party's primary election. You may change or declare a party affiliation at the polls on primary election day.

**8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.

**9. Signature.** To register in Iowa you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Iowa
- be at least 17-1/2 years old (you must be 18 to vote)
- not have been convicted of a felony (or have had your rights restored)
- not currently be judged by a court to be "incompetent to vote"
- not claim the right to vote in more than one place
- give up your right to vote in any other place

### Attention: Proof of Voter Identification

*(Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act of 2002)*

If you submit this form by mail and you are registering to vote for the first time in this county enclose a **COPY** of one of the following documents:

- A) Current and valid photo identification card showing your name.
- B) Current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or government document showing your name and address.

If you do not provide proof of identification, you may cast a provisional ballot.

You do not need to send any of the documents listed above if you include your drivers license number or the last 4 digits of your social security number and this information can be verified.

### Mailing address:

Elections Division  
Office of the Secretary of State  
Lucas Building-1st Floor  
321 E. 12th Street  
Des Moines, IA 50319



# State Instructions

## Kansas

**Registration Deadline** — Delivered 15 days before the election.

**6. ID Number.** The disclosure of the last four digits of your social security number is required. [KSA 25-2309 (b)(5)]. It is used for administrative purposes only and is not released to the public [KSA 25-2309 (j)].

**7. Choice of Party.** You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.

**8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.

**9. Signature.** To register in Kansas you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Kansas
- be 18 by the next statewide general election
- have completed the terms of your sentence if convicted of a felony; a person serving a sentence for a felony conviction is ineligible to vote
- not claim the right to vote in any other location or under any other name
- not be excluded from voting for mental incompetence by a court of competent jurisdiction

### Attention: Proof of Voter Identification

*(Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act of 2002)*

If you submit this form by mail and you are registering to vote for the first time in this county you must enclose a **COPY** of one of the following forms of identification:

- A) A current and valid photo identification that shows your name and address or
- B) A current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other government document that shows your name and address in the jurisdiction.

Failure to enclose a **COPY** of the proper identification with this application will require that this identification must be shown before you cast a valid vote in the next election. If you do not provide proof of identification, you may cast a provisional ballot.

### Mailing address:

Secretary of State  
1st Floor, Memorial Hall  
120 SW 10th Ave.  
Topeka, KS 66612-1594

## Kentucky

**Registration Deadline** — 29 days before the election.

**6. ID Number.** Your full social security number is required. It is used for administrative purposes only and is not released to the public (KRS 116.155). No person shall be denied the right to register because of failure to include social security number.

**7. Choice of Party.** You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.

**8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.

**9. Signature.** To register in Kentucky you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Kentucky
- be a resident of the county for at least 28 days prior to the election date
- be 18 years of age on or before the next general election
- not be a convicted felon or if you have been convicted of a felony, your civil rights must have been restored by executive pardon
- not have been judged "mentally incompetent" in a court of law
- not claim the right to vote anywhere outside Kentucky

### Attention: Proof of Voter Identification

*(Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act of 2002)*

If this form is submitted by mail and it is the first time you have registered to vote in your jurisdiction, you **MUST** submit current, valid proof of identification with this application or the first time you vote in a federal election. To send it with this application you should enclose one of the following:

- 1) A **COPY** of a current and valid photo identification **OR**

- 2) A **COPY** of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows your name and address in the jurisdiction.

Submitting your proof of identification now with the application will allow you to avoid the federal requirement to show this proof of at the polling place or, if voting by mail, to avoid sending it with your mail-in-ballot. If you do not provide proof of identification, you may cast a provisional ballot.

*Voters may also be required to show proof of identification under State law.*

### Mailing address:

State Board of Elections  
140 Walnut Street  
Frankfort, KY 40601-3240

# State Instructions

## Louisiana

**Registration Deadline** — 30 days before the election.

**6. ID Number.** You must provide your Louisiana driver's license number, if issued. If not issued, you must provide at least the last four digits of your social security number, if issued. The full social security number may be provided on a voluntary basis. Neither the registrar nor the Department of Elections and Registration shall disclose the social security number of a registered voter or circulate the social security numbers of registered voters on commercial lists (R.S. 18:104 and 154; 42 U.S.C. 405).

**7. Choice of Party.** If you do not list a party affiliation, you cannot vote in the Presidential Preference Primary and party committee elections. Political party affiliation is not required for any other election.

**8. Race or Ethnic Group.** You are requested to fill in this box. See the list of choices under the Application Instructions for Box 8 (on page 2).

**9. Signature.** To register in Louisiana you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Louisiana. Residence address must be address where you claim homestead exemption, if any.
- be at least 17 years old, and be 18 years old prior to the next election to vote
- not currently be under an order of imprisonment for conviction of a felony
- not currently be under a judgment of interdiction for mental incompetence

### Attention: Proof of Voter Identification

*(Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act of 2002)*

If this form is submitted by mail and it is the first time you have registered to vote in your jurisdiction, AND

If neither a social security number nor a Louisiana driver's license has been issued to you, you must attach either

1) A **COPY** of a current and valid photo identification or

2) A **COPY** of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows your name and address in the jurisdiction.

Voters may also be required to provide identification documentation under State law. Individuals who fail to submit the required documentation when registering by mail and then also fail to present identification when voting may cast a provisional ballot.

### Mailing address (only through January 11, 2004):

Dept. of Elections and Registration  
P.O. Box 4729  
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4729

### Mailing address (New: beginning on January 12, 2004):

Secretary of State  
Attention: Voter Registration  
P.O. Box 94125  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9125

## Maine

**Registration Deadline** — Delivered 10 business days before the election (or a voter may register in-person up to and including election day).

**6. ID Number.** Optional and acceptable now but not required until January 6, 2006 - you must list your valid Maine driver's license number. If you don't have a valid Maine driver's license, then you must provide the last four digits of your Social Security Number. Voters who don't have either of these forms of ID must write "NONE" in this space.

**7. Choice of Party.** You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention (unless otherwise permitted by a political party).

**8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.

**9. Signature.** To register in Maine you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Maine and the municipality in which you want to vote
- be at least 17 years old (you must be 18 years old to vote)

### Attention: Proof of Voter Identification

*(Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act of 2002)*

If this application is sent by mail to the registrar, then you must also provide a **COPY** of certain identity documents with the registration form. You may submit a **COPY** of a Maine driver's license or other valid photo ID, a current utility bill, a bank statement, a paycheck or other government document that shows the voter's name and address. If you do not provide proof of identification, you may cast a provisional ballot.

*Voters may also be required to show proof of identification under State law.*

### Mailing address:

Elections Division  
Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions  
101 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0101

# State Instructions

## Maryland

**Registration Deadline** — 9:00 p.m. 21 days before the election.

**6. ID Number.** If you have a current, valid Maryland driver's license or a Motor Vehicle Administration identification card, you must enter the driver's license or identification number. If you do not have a current, valid Maryland driver's license or Motor Vehicle Administration identification card, you must enter at least the last 4 digits of your social security number. However, please note, the disclosure of your full Social Security number is voluntary. The statutory authority allowing election officials to request your full Social Security number is Election Law Article, Section 3-202, Annotated Code of Maryland. The number will be used only for registration and other administrative purposes. It will be kept confidential.

**7. Choice of Party.** You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election.

**8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.

**9. Signature.** To register in Maryland you must:

- be a U.S. citizen
- be a Maryland resident
- be at least 18 years old by the next general election
- not be under guardianship for mental disability
- not have been convicted of buying or selling votes
- not have been convicted more than once of a crime of violence (Criminal Law, Art. 14-101)
- not have been convicted of an infamous crime [1] unless:
  - you have been pardoned,
  - you have completed the court-imposed sentence [2] (first conviction), or
  - at least 3 years have passed since you completed the court-imposed sentence [2] (second or later conviction).

[1] Infamous crime means any felony or any other crime involving an element of deceit, fraud or corruption.

[2] The court-imposed sentence includes probation, parole, community service, restitutions and fines.

### Attention: Proof of Voter Identification

*(Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act of 2002)*

If you have never voted in Maryland and submit this application by mail, and if you want to ensure that you are not required to provide identification when you vote in Maryland for the first time, you should submit with this application:

- a **COPY** of a current valid photo identification, **OR**
  - a **COPY** of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document with your name and address
- If you do not provide proof of identification, you may cast a provisional ballot.

### Mailing address:

State Board of Elections  
P.O. Box 6486  
Annapolis, MD 21401-0486

## Massachusetts

**Registration Deadline** — 20 days before the election.

**6. ID Number.** Leave blank.

**7. Choice of Party.** If you do not designate a party of political designation in this box, you will be registered as unenrolled. Unenrolled voters may participate in party primaries. However, an unenrolled voter must enroll in a party on the day of the Presidential Preference Primary in order to participate in that primary.

**8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.

**9. Signature.** To register in Massachusetts you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Massachusetts
- be 18 years old on or before the next election
- not have been convicted of corrupt practices in respect to elections
- not be under guardianship with respect to voting
- not be currently incarcerated for a felony conviction

### Attention: Proof of Voter Identification

*(Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act of 2002)*

If this form is submitted by mail and it is the first time you have regis-

tered to vote in your jurisdiction, you **MUST** submit current, valid proof of identification with this application or the first time you vote in a federal election. To send it with this application you should enclose one of the following:

- 1) A **COPY** of a current and valid photo identification **OR**
- 2) A **COPY** of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows your name and address in the jurisdiction.

Submitting your proof of identification now with the application will allow you to avoid the federal requirement to show this proof at the polling place or, if voting by mail, to avoid sending it with your mail-in-ballot.

If you do not provide proof of identification, you may cast a provisional ballot.

*Voters may also be required to show proof of identification under State law.*

### Mailing address:

Secretary of the Commonwealth  
Elections Division, Room 1705  
One Ashburton Place  
Boston, MA 02108

# State Instructions

## Michigan

**Registration Deadline** — 30 days before the election.

**6. ID Number.** A driver's license or state personal ID number is requested.

**7. Choice of Party.** A "choice of party" is not required for voter registration.

**8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.

**9. Signature.** To register in Michigan you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be 18 years old by the next election
- be a resident of Michigan and at least a 30 day resident of your city or township by election day
- not be confined in a jail after being convicted and sentenced

### **Attention: Proof of Voter Identification**

*(Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act of 2002)*

If this form is submitted by mail and it is the first time you have registered to vote in your jurisdiction, you **MUST** submit current, valid proof of identification with this application or the first time you vote in a federal election. To send it with this application you should enclose one of the following:

- 1) A **COPY** of a current and valid photo identification **OR**
- 2) A **COPY** of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows your name and address in the jurisdiction.

Submitting your proof of identification now with the application will allow you to avoid the federal requirement to show this proof at the polling place or, if voting by mail, to avoid sending it with your mail-in-ballot. If you do not provide proof of identification, you may cast a provisional ballot.

*Voters may also be required to show proof of identification under State law.*

### **Mailing address:**

Michigan Department of State  
Bureau of Elections  
P.O. Box 20126  
Lansing, MI 48901-0726

**Notice:** Michigan law requires that the same address be used for voter registration and driver license purposes. Therefore, if the residence address you provide on this form differs from the address shown on a driver license or personal identification card issued by the State of Michigan, the Secretary of State will automatically change your driver license or personal identification card address to match the residence address entered on this form. If an address change is made, the Secretary of State will mail you an address update sticker for your driver license or personal identification card.

**Caution:** If you register by mail, you must vote in person at your assigned precinct the first time you vote, unless you are:

- disabled as defined by state law;
- 60 years of age or older; or
- temporarily residing overseas.

## Minnesota

**Registration Deadline** — Delivered by 5:00 p.m. 21 days before the election (there is also election day registration at polling places).

**6. ID Number.** Federal law will require that you provide your driver's license number to register to vote for federal offices. If you do not have a driver's license then you will have to provide the last four digits of your social security number. If you have neither, please write "NONE" on the form. A unique identifying number will instead be assigned to you by your State.

**7. Choice of Party.** Leave blank.

**8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.

**9. Signature.** To register in Minnesota you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Minnesota for 20 days before the next election
- reside at the address given
- be 18 years old by election day
- not be convicted of treason or a felony without having your civil rights restored
- not be under court-ordered guardianship of the person without retaining the right to vote
- not be found legally incompetent by a court.

### **Attention: Proof of Voter Identification**

*(Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act of 2002)*

If registering by mail and if you have not previously voted in Minnesota for federal office, you **MUST** also provide a **COPY** of current and valid photo identification or a **COPY** of current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows your name and address in the precinct. If you do not provide proof of identification, you may cast a provisional ballot.

### **Mailing address:**

Secretary of State  
60 Empire Drive, Suite 100  
St. Paul, MN 55103-1855



# State Instructions

## Mississippi

**Registration Deadline** — 30 days before the election.

**6. ID Number.** You are required to provide your current and valid driver's license number or, if you don't have one, the last four digits of your social security number.

**7. Choice of Party** Mississippi does not have party registration. Therefore, you do not have to register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.

**8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.

**9. Signature.** To register in Mississippi you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- have lived in Mississippi and in your county (and city, if applicable) 30 days before the election in which you want to vote
- be 18 years old by the time of the general election in which you want to vote
- have not been convicted of murder, rape, bribery, theft, arson, obtaining money or goods under false pretense, perjury, forgery, embezzlement, or bigamy, or have had your rights restored as required by law
- not have been declared mentally incompetent by a court

*Note:* State law changed by federal court order in 1998 and by state legislation in 2000. We now accept the form as registration for voting for all state and federal offices.

### **Attention: Proof of Voter Identification**

*(Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act of 2002)*

If you do not have a driver's license or social security number, and this form is submitted by mail, and you have never registered to vote in the county you are now registering in, you must send, with this application, either a) a **COPY** of current and valid photo identification, or b) 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. If you do not provide the information requested above, you will be required to provide to election officials either (a) or (b) above the first time you vote after

January 1, 2004 at a voting place or by absentee ballot. If you do not provide proof of identification, you may cast a provisional ballot.

### **Mailing address:**

Secretary of State  
P.O. Box 136  
Jackson, MS 39205-0136

## Missouri

**Registration Deadline** — 28 days before the election.

**6. ID Number.** The last four digits of your social security number are required unless no social security number exists. ( 115.155, RSMO) Any electronic media, printouts or mailing labels provided under this section shall not include telephone numbers and social security numbers of voters (115.157 RSMO).

**7. Choice of Party.** You do not have to register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.

**8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.

**9. Signature.** To vote in Missouri you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Missouri
- be at least 17-1/2 years of age (you must be 18 to vote)
- not be on probation or parole after conviction of a felony, until finally discharged from such probation or parole
- not be convicted of a felony or misdemeanor connected with the right of suffrage
- not be adjudged incapacitated by any court of law
- not be confined under a sentence of imprisonment

### **Attention: Proof of Voter Identification**

*(Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act of 2002)*

If registering by mail for the first time, you must provide a **COPY** of appropriate identification: current or valid photo ID, **COPY** of current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other government document that shows your name and address. If you do not provide proof of identification, you may cast a provisional ballot.

### **Mailing address:**

Secretary of State  
P.O. Box 1767  
Jefferson City, MO 65102-1767

# State Instructions

## Montana

**Registration Deadline** — 30 days before the election.

**6. ID Number.** You must provide your Montana driver's license number. If you do not have a Montana driver's license number then you must list the LAST FOUR DIGITS OF YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER. If you have neither a driver's license, nor a social security number, please write "NONE" on the form. The state of Montana will assign to you a unique identifying number.

**7. Choice of Party.** Montana does not require party registration to participate in any election.

**8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.

**9. Signature.** To register in Montana you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be at least 18 years old on or before the election
- be a resident of Montana and of the county in which you want to vote for at least 30 days before the next election
- not be in a penal institution for a felony conviction
- not currently be determined by a court to be of unsound mind
- meet these qualifications by the next election day if you do not currently meet them

### Attention: Proof of Voter Identification

*(Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act of 2002)*

If this form is submitted by mail and it is the first time you have registered to vote in your jurisdiction, you **MUST** submit current, valid proof of identification with this application or the first time you vote in a federal election. To send it with this application you should enclose one of the following:

- 1) A **COPY** of a current and valid photo identification **OR**
- 2) A **COPY** of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows your name and address in the jurisdiction.

Submitting your proof of identification now with the application

will allow you to avoid the federal requirement to show this proof at the polling place or, if voting by mail, to avoid sending it with your mail-in-ballot.

If you do not provide proof of identification, you may cast a provisional ballot.

*Voters may also be required to show proof of identification under State law.*

### Mailing address:

Secretary of State's Office  
P.O. Box 202801  
State Capitol  
Helena, MT 59620-2801

## Nebraska

**Registration Deadline** — The third Friday before the election (or delivered by 6 p.m. on the second Friday before the election).

**6. ID Number.** Leave blank.

**7. Choice of Party.** You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.

**8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.

**9. Signature.** To register in Nebraska you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Nebraska
- be at least 18 years of age or will be 18 years of age on or before the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November
- not have been convicted of a felony, or if convicted, have had your civil rights restored
- not have been officially found to be mentally incompetent

### Attention: Proof of Voter Identification

*(Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act of 2002)*

If this form is submitted by mail and it is the first time you have registered to vote in your jurisdiction, you **MUST** submit current, valid proof of identification with this application or the first time you vote in a federal election. To send it with this application you should enclose one of the following:

- 1) A **COPY** of a current and valid photo identification **OR**

- 2) A **COPY** of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows your name and address in the jurisdiction.

Submitting your proof of identification now with the application will allow you to avoid the federal requirement to show this proof at the polling place or, if voting by mail, to avoid sending it with your mail-in-ballot.

If you do not provide proof of identification, you may cast a provisional ballot.

*Voters may also be required to show proof of identification under State law.*

### Mailing address:

Nebraska Secretary of State  
Suite 2300, State Capitol Bldg.  
Lincoln, NE 68509-4608

# State Instructions

## Nevada

**Registration Deadline** — 9:00 p.m. on the fifth Saturday before any primary or general election. 9:00 p.m. on the third Saturday before any recall or special election. However, if a recall or special election is held on the same day as a primary or general election, the registration closes at 9:00 p.m. on the fifth Saturday before the day for the elections.

**6. ID Number.** An identification number is a Nevada Driver's License number, or at least the last four digits of your Social Security number. In the event you have not been issued a current and valid Nevada Driver's License or a Social Security number, a number will be issued to you by the County Clerk/Registrar. Registration records, including social security numbers are available for public inspection. (NRS 293.507).

**7. Choice of Party.** You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention. If you register with a minor political party, or as a Nonpartisan you will receive a Nonpartisan Ballot for the Primary Election.

**8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.

**9. Signature.** To register in Nevada you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- have attained the age of 18 years on the date of the next election
- have continuously resided in the State of Nevada, in your county, at least 30 days and in your precinct at least 10 days before the next election
- not currently be laboring under any felony conviction or other loss of civil rights that would make it unlawful for you to vote
- not be determined by a court of law to be mentally incompetent
- claim no other place as your legal residence

### Attention: Proof of Voter Identification

*(Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act of 2002)*

If you are a first time registrant submitting this form by mail, and wish to avoid additional identification requirements upon voting for the first time, you must provide the following information to the election

officials: 1) a **COPY** of a current and valid photo identification: or 2) a **COPY** of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other government document that shows your name and address. If you vote in person or by mail, and you did not provide the above information at the time of registration, you must present the information to election officials before casting your ballot in person or submit the information when returning your ballot by mail. If you do not provide proof of identification, you may cast a provisional ballot.

### Mailing address:

Secretary of State  
Elections Divisions  
101 North Carson Street  
Suite 3, Capitol Complex  
Carson City, NV 89701-4786

### Local county addresses:

You also may return completed applications to the County Clerk/Registrar where you normally reside. A complete list is available on Nevada's web site: [www.sos.state.nv.us](http://www.sos.state.nv.us)

## New Hampshire

New Hampshire town and city clerks will accept this application only as a request for their own absentee voter mail-in registration form, which must be received by your city or town clerk by 10 days before the election.

You need to fill in only Box 1 and Box 2 or 3.

The application should be mailed to your town or city clerk at your zip code. These addresses are listed on the Secretary of State web site at <http://www.state.nh.us/sos/clerks.htm>

It should be mailed in plenty of time for your town or city clerk to mail you their own form and for you to return that form to them by 10 days before the election.



# State Instructions

## New Jersey

**Registration Deadline** — 29 days before the election.

**6. ID Number.** The last four digits of your Social Security number OR your New Jersey Driver's License number is required for voter registration. If you do not possess either of these identifications, please write "NONE" on the form. The State will assign a number that will serve to identify you for voter registration purposes.

**7. Choice of Party.** New Jersey's voter registration form does not provide a check-off for political party affiliation. A newly registered voter or voter who has never voted in a political party primary election can declare party affiliation at the polling place on the day of a primary election. In New Jersey, a primary election is only held for the Democratic and Republican parties. A voter may also file a political party declaration form to become a member of a political party. If a declared voter wished to change party affiliation he or she must file a declaration form 50 days before the primary election, in order to vote.

**8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.

**9. Signature.** To register in New Jersey you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be at least 18 years of age by the time of the next election
- be a resident of this State and county at your address at least 30 days before the next election
- not be serving a sentence or on parole or probation as the result of a conviction of any indictable offense under the laws of this or another state or of the United States

### Attention: Proof of Voter Identification

*(Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act of 2002)*

If this form is submitted by mail and it is the first time you have registered to vote in your jurisdiction, you MUST submit current, valid proof of identification with this application or the first time you vote in a federal election. To send it with this application you should enclose one of the following:

- 1) A **COPY** of a current and valid photo identification **OR**
- 2) A **COPY** of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows your name and address in the jurisdiction.

Submitting your proof of identification now with the application will allow you to avoid the federal requirement to show this proof at the polling place or, if voting by mail, to avoid sending it with your mail-in-ballot.

If you do not provide proof of identification, you may cast a provisional ballot.

*Voters may also be required to show proof of identification under State law.*

### Mailing address:

New Jersey Department of Law  
and Public Safety  
Division of Elections  
PO BOX 304  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0304

## New Mexico

**Registration Deadline** — 28 days before the election.

**6. ID Number.** Your full social security number is required. This registration card containing your social security number will become part of the permanent voter registration records of your locality, which are open to inspection by the public in the office of the county clerk. However, your social security number and date of birth will remain confidential and will not be disclosed to the public. Computerized listings of limited voter registration information (without social security number or birth date) are available to the general public, and are furnished upon request to incumbent election officeholders, candidates, political parties, courts and non-profit organizations promoting voter participation and registration, for political purposes only (§1-5-19B, NMSA 1978).

**7. Choice of Party.** You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.

**8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.

**9. Signature.** To register in New Mexico you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of the State of New Mexico
- be 18 years of age at the time of the next election
- not have been denied the right to vote by a court of law by reason of mental incapacity and, if I have been convicted of a felony, I have completed all conditions of probation or parole, served the entirety of a sentence or have been granted a pardon by the Governor.

### Attention: Proof of Voter Identification

*(Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act of 2002)*

If this form is submitted by mail and it is the first time you have registered in this county or the state of New Mexico, you **MUST** submit a **COPY** of a current valid photo ID or a **COPY** of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck or other government document that shows your name and address in this county. Submitting this identification information now will allow you to avoid being required to show personal identification at the polling place on Election Day. If you do not provide proof of identification, you may cast a provisional ballot.

### Mailing address:

Bureau of Elections  
325 Don Gaspar, Suite 300  
Santa Fe, NM 87503

# State Instructions

## New York

**Registration Deadline** — 25 days before the election.

**6. ID Number.** Federal law requires that you provide your driver's license number to register to vote. If you do not have a driver's license then you will have to provide at least the last four digits of your social security number. If you have neither, please write "NONE" on the form. A unique identifying number will be assigned to you by your State.

**7. Choice of Party.** You must enroll with a party if you want to vote in that party's primary election or caucus.

**8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.

**9. Signature.** To register in New York you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of the county, or of the City of New York, at least 30 days before an election
- be 18 years old by December 31 of the year in which you file this form (*Note:* You must be 18 years old by the date of the general, primary, or other election in which you want to vote)
- not be in jail or on parole for a felony conviction
- not currently be judged incompetent by order of a court of competent judicial authority
- not claim the right to vote elsewhere

### Attention: Proof of Voter Identification

*(Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act of 2002)*

If you have not provided a driver's license number or the last four digits of your social security number and this form is submitted by mail and it is the first time you have registered to vote in your jurisdiction, you **MUST** submit current, valid proof of identification with this application or the first time you vote in a federal election. To send it with this application you should enclose one of the following:

- 1) A **COPY** of a current and valid photo identification **OR**
- 2) A **COPY** of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other gov-

ernment document that shows your name and address in the jurisdiction.

Submitting your proof of identification now with the application will allow you to avoid the federal requirement to show this proof at the polling place or, if voting by mail, to avoid sending it with your mail-in-ballot.

If you do not provide proof of identification, you may cast a provisional ballot.

*Voters may also be required to show proof of identification under State law.*

### Mailing address:

NYS Board of Elections  
40 Steuben Street  
Albany, NY 12207-2108

## North Carolina

**Registration Deadline** — Post-marked 25 days before the election or received in the elections office or designated voter registration agency site by 5:00 p.m. 25 days before the election.

**6. ID Number.** Provide your North Carolina driver's license number, or North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles ID number. If you do not have a driver's license, then list the last four digits of your social security number.

**7. Choice of Party.** You must register with a party to vote in that party's primary unless that party allows unaffiliated voters to vote in its primary. If you indicate a political party that is not a qualified party, or indicate no party, you will be listed as "Unaffiliated".

**8. Race or Ethnic Group.** You are required to fill in this box. However, your application will not be rejected if you fail to do so. See the list of choices under the Application Instructions for Box 8 (on page 2).

**9. Signature.** To register in North Carolina you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of North Carolina and the county in which you live for at least 30 days prior to the election
- be 18 years of age by the day of the next general election
- have your rights of citizenship restored if you have been convicted of a felony

- not be registered or vote in any other county or state

### Attention: Proof of Voter Identification

*(Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act of 2002)*

If you do not have a driver's license or social security number, and this form is submitted by mail, and you have never registered to vote in the county you are now registering in, you must send, with this application, either a.) a **COPY** of current and valid photo identification, or b.) 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. If you do not provide the information requested above, you will be required to provide to election officials either (a) or (b) above the first time you vote at a voting place or by absentee ballot. If you do not provide proof of identification, you may cast a provisional ballot.

### Mailing address:

State Board of Elections  
P.O. Box 27255  
Raleigh, NC 27611-7255

## North Dakota

North Dakota does not have voter registration.

# State Instructions

## Ohio

**Registration Deadline** — 30 days before the election.

**6. ID Number.** Your social security number is requested. Providing this number is voluntary. This information allows the Board of Elections to verify your registration if necessary (O.R.C. 3503.14). [Federal law will require that you provide your driver's license number to register to vote. If you do not have a driver's license then you will have to provide at least the last four digits of your social security number. If you don't have either number you will have to write "NONE" on the form and the State will assign you a number.]

**7. Choice of Party.** You do not register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election. Party affiliation is established by voting at a primary election.

**8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.

**9. Signature.** To register in Ohio you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Ohio
- be 18 years old on or before election day. If you will be 18 on or before the day of the general election, you may vote in the primary election for candidates only.
- not be convicted of a felony and currently incarcerated
- not be found incompetent by a court for purposes of voting

### Attention: Proof of Voter Identification

*(Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act of 2002)*

Persons registering by mail between January 1, 2003, and December 31, 2003, may, but are not required, to provide their county board of elections with the identification information when submitting a voter registration form by mail. Persons registering by mail after January 1, 2004, must provide this information when attempting to vote for the first time, unless the voter supplied the information when registering. The identification information is as follows:

- 1) a **COPY** of a current and valid photo identification; **OR**

- 2) a **COPY** of a utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document showing name and address.

If you do not provide proof of identification, you may cast a provisional ballot. You do not need to send any of the documents listed above if you include your driver's license number or the last four digits of your social security number and this information can be verified.

### Mailing address:

Secretary of State of Ohio  
Elections Division  
180 E. Broad Street — 15th Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215

## Oklahoma

**Registration Deadline** — 25 days before the election.

**6. ID Number.** The last four digits of your social security number are required. (Oklahoma Title 26, Section 4-112) In addition, your Oklahoma driver's license number is requested.

**7. Choice of Party.** You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.

**8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.

**9. Signature.** To register in Oklahoma you must:

- be a citizen of the United States and a resident of the State of Oklahoma
- be 18 years old on or before the date of the next election
- have not been convicted of a felony, for which a period of time equal to the original sentence has not expired, or for which you have not been pardoned
- not now be under judgment as an incapacitated person, or a partially incapacitated person prohibited from registering to vote

### Attention: Proof of Voter Identification

*(Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act of 2002)*

If this form is submitted by mail and it is the first time you have regis-

tered to vote in your jurisdiction, you **MUST** submit current, valid proof of identification with this application or the first time you vote in a federal election. To send it with this application you should enclose one of the following:

- 1) A **COPY** of a current and valid photo identification **OR**
- 2) A **COPY** of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows your name and address in the jurisdiction.

Submitting your proof of identification now with the application will allow you to avoid the federal requirement to show this proof at the polling place or, if voting by mail, to avoid sending it with your mail-in-ballot.

If you do not provide proof of identification, you may cast a provisional ballot.

*Voters may also be required to show proof of identification under State law.*

### Mailing address:

Oklahoma State Election Board  
Box 528800  
Oklahoma City, OK 73152-8800

# State Instructions

## Oregon

**Registration Deadline** — 21 days before the election

**6. ID Number.** Leave blank. [Federal law will require that you provide your driver's license number to register to vote. If you do not have a driver's license then you will have to provide at least the last four digits of your social security number. If you have neither, you will need to write "NONE" on the form. A unique identifying number will instead be assigned to you by your State.]

**7. Choice of Party.** You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election.

**8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.

**9. Signature.** To register in Oregon you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Oregon
- be at least 18 years old by election day

### Attention: Proof of Voter Identification

*(Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act of 2002)*

Identification is requested only if you are a new registrant in the county and you are mailing the voter registration card via the United States Postal Service (USPS).

Identification is not required for updates within the same county, or for any new registrations delivered in person or by means other than mail via the USPS. Sufficient identification is: a **COPY** of your current, valid photo identification (such as driver's license), or a **COPY** of a paycheck stub, utility bill, bank statement or other government document showing your name and address. The address listed must match the residence or mailing address submitted on this registration application. If you do not provide proof of identification, you may cast a provisional ballot.

### Mailing address:

Secretary of State  
Elections Division  
141 State Capitol  
Salem, OR 97310-0722

## Pennsylvania

**Registration Deadline** — 30 days before an election or primary.

**6. ID Number.** You must supply a Driver's License Number, if you have one. If you do not have a Driver's License Number, you must supply the last four digits of your social Security Number. If you do not have a Social Security Number, please write "NONE" in the box.

**7. Choice of Party.** You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election.

**8. Race or Ethnic Group.** You are requested to fill in this box. See the list of choices under the Application Instructions for Box 8 (on page 2).

**9. Signature.** To register in Pennsylvania you must:

- be a citizen of the United States at least one month before the next election
- be a resident of Pennsylvania and your election district at least 30 days before the election
- be at least 18 years of age on the day of the next election

### Attention: Proof of Voter Identification

*(Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act of 2002)*

Pennsylvania law requires that registered voters who appear to vote for the first time in an election district after December 9, 2003 must present a form of identification.

If this is the first election in which you are voting in your election district, and you intend to vote by absentee ballot in an election after January 1, 2004, you may include a form of identification with this voter registration application form rather than include it with your application for an absentee ballot.

A list of the acceptable forms of identification may be obtained from your county voter registration office or from the Pennsylvania Department of State at its website, [www.dos.state.pa.us](http://www.dos.state.pa.us). If you do not provide proof of identification, you may cast a provisional ballot.

### Mailing address:

Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth  
210 North Office Bldg.  
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0029



# State Instructions

## Rhode Island

**Registration Deadline** — 30 days before the election.

**6. ID Number.** The applicant shall be required to provide his/her Rhode Island driver's license number if the applicant has been issued a current and valid Rhode Island driver's license. In the case of an applicant who has not been issued a current and valid driver's license he/she must provide the last four (4) digits of his/her social security number. An applicant, who has neither, will be assigned a unique identifying number by the State of Rhode Island.

**7. Choice of Party.** In Rhode Island, a person must register with a party if he/she wishes to take part in that party's primary election. A person who fails to register with a party at the time of registration may, if he/she chooses, register with a party on the day of that party's primary and take part in that party's primary election. If a person does not register with a party, he/she can still vote in general elections and non-partisan primary elections.

**8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.

**9. Signature.** To register in Rhode Island you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Rhode Island for 30 days preceding the next election
- be 18 years old by election day
- be neither serving a sentence, including probation or parole, for which you were imprisoned, upon final conviction of a felony imposed on any date; nor serving any sentence, whether incarcerated or suspended, on probation or parole, upon final conviction of a felony committed after November 5, 1986
- not have been lawfully judged to be mentally incompetent

### Attention: Proof of Voter Identification

*(Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act of 2002)*

If this form is submitted by mail and it is the first time you have registered to vote in your jurisdiction, you MUST submit current, valid proof of identification with this application or the first time you vote in a

federal election. To send it with this application you should enclose one of the following:

- 1) A **COPY** of a current and valid photo identification **OR**
- 2) A **COPY** of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows your name and address in the jurisdiction.

Submitting your proof of identification now with the application will allow you to avoid the federal requirement to show this proof at the polling place or, if voting by mail, to avoid sending it with your mail-in-ballot.

If you do not provide proof of identification, you may cast a provisional ballot.

*Voters may also be required to show proof of identification under State law.*

### Mailing address:

Rhode Island State Board of Elections  
50 Branch Ave.  
Providence, RI 02904-2790

## South Carolina

**Registration Deadline** — 30 days before the election.

**6. ID Number.** Your full social security number is required. It is required by the South Carolina Code of Laws and is used for internal purposes only. Social security number does not appear on any report produced by the State Election Commission nor is it released to any unauthorized individual. (South Carolina Title 7-5-170)

**7. Choice of Party.** You do not have to register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.

**8. Race or Ethnic Group.** You are required to fill in this box. Your application may be rejected if you fail to do so. See the list of choices under the Application Instructions for Box 8 (on page 2).

**9. Signature.** To register in South Carolina you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be at least 18 years old on or before the next election

- be a resident of South Carolina, your county and precinct
- not be confined in any public prison resulting from a conviction of a crime
- never have been convicted of a felony or offense against the election laws, or if previously convicted, have served your entire sentence, including probation or parole, or have received a pardon for the conviction
- not be under a court order declaring you mentally incompetent
- claim the address on the application as your only legal place of residence and claim no other place as your legal residence

### Attention: Proof of Voter Identification

*(Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act of 2002)*

If this form is submitted by mail and it is the first time you have registered to vote in your jurisdiction, you MUST submit current, valid proof of identification with this application or the first time you vote in a federal election. To send it with this application you should enclose one of the following:

- 1) A **COPY** of a current and valid photo identification **OR**
- 2) A **COPY** of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows your name and address in the jurisdiction.

Submitting your proof of identification now with the application will allow you to avoid the federal requirement to show this proof at the polling place or, if voting by mail, to avoid sending it with your mail-in-ballot.

If you do not provide proof of identification, you may cast a provisional ballot.

*Voters may also be required to show proof of identification under State law.*

### Mailing address:

State Election Commission  
P.O. Box 5987  
Columbia, SC 29250-5987

# State Instructions

## South Dakota

**Registration Deadline** — Received 15 days before the election.

**6. ID Number.** Your driver's license number is requested. If you do not have a valid driver's license, you must provide the last four digits of your social security number.

**7. Choice of Party.** You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.

**8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.

**9. Signature.** To register in South Dakota you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- reside in South Dakota
- be 18 years old by the next election
- not be currently serving a sentence for a felony conviction which included imprisonment, served or suspended, in an adult penitentiary system
- not have been adjudged mentally incompetent by a court

### Attention: Proof of Voter Identification

*(Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act of 2002)*

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- 1) A **COPY** of a current and valid photo identification **OR**
- 2) A **COPY** of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows your name and address in the jurisdiction.

Examples of acceptable ID's in South Carolina include:

- A South Dakota driver's license or non-driver identification card
- Passport or identification card including a picture, issued by an agency of the US Government
- Tribal ID card including picture
- A South Dakota post secondary education institution ID including a picture

Submitting your proof of identification now with the application will allow you to avoid the federal requirement to show this proof at the polling place or, if voting by mail, to avoid sending it with your mail-in-ballot.

If you do not provide proof of identification, you may cast a provisional ballot.

*Voters may also be required to show proof of identification under State law.*

### Mailing address:

Elections, Secretary of State  
500 E. Capitol  
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

## Tennessee

**Registration Deadline** — 30 days before the election.

**6. ID Number.** Your full social security number is required. Social security number, if any, is required for purposes of identification and to avoid duplicate registration (TCA 2.2.116).

**7. Choice of Party.** You do not have to register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.

**8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Optional.

**9. Signature.** To register in Tennessee you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Tennessee
- be at least 18 years old on or before the next election
- not have been convicted of a felony, or if convicted, have had your full rights of citizenship restored (or have received a pardon)
- not be adjudicated incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction (or have been restored to legal capacity)

### Attention: Proof of Voter Identification

*(Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act of 2002)*

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- 1) A **COPY** of a current and valid photo identification **OR**
- 2) A **COPY** of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows your name and address in the jurisdiction.

Submitting your proof of identification now with the application will allow you to avoid the federal requirement to show this proof at the polling place or, if voting by mail, to avoid sending it with your mail-in-ballot.

If you do not provide proof of identification, you may cast a provisional ballot.

*Voters may also be required to show proof of identification under State law.*

### Mailing address:

Coordinator of Elections  
Tennessee Tower, Ninth Floor  
312 Eighth Avenue, North  
Nashville, TN 37243

# State Instructions

## Texas

**Registration Deadline** — 30 days before the election.

**6. ID Number.** You must provide your driver's license number to register to vote. If you do not have a driver's license then you will have to provide at least the last four digits of your social security number. If you have neither, please write "NONE" on the form. A unique identifying number will instead be assigned to you by your State.

**7. Choice of Party.** You do not have to register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.

**8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.

**9. Signature.** To register in Texas you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of the county in which the application for registration is made
- be at least 17 years and 10 months old (you must be 18 to vote)
- not be finally convicted of a felony, or if a convicted felon, you must have fully discharged your punishment, including any incarceration, parole, supervision, period of probation or be pardoned.
- have not been declared mentally incompetent by final judgment of a court of law

### Attention: Proof of Voter Identification

*(Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act of 2002)*

If this form is submitted by mail and it is the first time you have registered to vote in your jurisdiction, you **MUST** submit current, valid proof of identification with this application or the first time you vote in a federal election. To send it with this application you should enclose one of the following:

- 1) A **COPY** of a current and valid photo identification **OR**
- 2) A **COPY** of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows your name and address in the jurisdiction.

Submitting your proof of identification now with the application

will allow you to avoid the federal requirement to show this proof at the polling place or, if voting by mail, to avoid sending it with your mail-in-ballot.

If you do not provide proof of identification, you may cast a provisional ballot.

*Voters may also be required to show proof of identification under State law.*

### Mailing address:

Office of the Secretary of State  
Elections Division  
P.O. Box 12060  
Austin, TX 78711-2060

## Utah

**Registration Deadline** — 20 days before the election.

**6. ID Number.** The last four digits of your social security number and your Utah driver's license or identification card number are required.

**7. Choice of Party.** Declaring a party is not required in order to register to vote. However, Utah's election law allows each political party to choose whom it will allow to vote in its primary election. If you do not affiliate with a party, you may be restricted from voting in the primary.

**8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.

**9. Signature.** To register in Utah you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- have resided in Utah for 30 days immediately before the next election
- be at least 18 years old on or before the next election
- not be a convicted felon currently incarcerated for commission of a felony
- not be convicted of treason or crime against the elective franchise, unless restored to civil rights
- not be found to be mentally incompetent by a court of law

### Attention: Proof of Voter Identification

*(Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act of 2002)*

In order to be allowed to vote for the first time in a Utah voting precinct you must either: 1) include a **COPY** of a valid form of photo identification or proof of residence with this

voter registration form; or 2) present a valid form of photo identification or proof of residence to the election judge before you may vote. If you do not provide proof of identification, you may cast a provisional ballot.

### Mailing address:

Office of the Lieutenant Governor  
Elections  
115 State Capitol  
Salt Lake City, UT 84114



# State Instructions

## Vermont

**Registration Deadline** — Delivered to the town clerk before 12:00 noon on the second Saturday before the election.

**6. ID Number.** You must provide your Vermont Driver's license number, or if none, the last 4 digits of your Social Security number. If you do not have a Vermont Driver's license or a Social Security number, please write "NONE" on the form. The Secretary of State's office will assign you a unique identifying number.

**7. Choice of Party.** Vermont does not require party registration to participate in any election.

**8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.

**9. Signature.** To register in Vermont you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Vermont
- be 18 years of age on or before election day
- have taken the following Oath in the presence of a notary public or other authorized official: You solemnly swear (or affirm) that whenever you give your vote or suffrage, touching any matter that concerns the state of Vermont, you will do it so as in your conscience you shall judge will most conduce to the best good of the same, as established by the Constitution, without fear or favor of any person [Voter's Oath, Vermont Constitution, Chapter II, Section 42]  
*Note:* If you have not taken this Oath in person before submitting this application by mail, do not sign item 9. You may take the Oath at the polls the first time you vote and may then sign the application, which will be held for you at your polling place.

### Attention: Proof of Voter Identification

*(Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act of 2002)*

If this form is submitted by mail and it is the first time you have registered to vote in your jurisdiction, you MUST submit current, valid proof of identification with this application or present it the first time you vote in a federal election. To send it with this application you should enclose one of the following:

- 1) A **COPY** of a current and valid photo identification **OR**
- 2) A **COPY** of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows your name and address in the jurisdiction.

Submitting your proof of identification now with the application will allow you to avoid the federal requirement to show this proof at the polling place or, if voting by mail, to avoid sending it with your mail-in-ballot.

If you do not provide proof of identification, you may cast a provisional ballot.

*Voters may also be required to show proof of identification under State law.*

### Mailing address:

Office of the Secretary of State  
Director of Elections  
26 Terrace Street  
Montpelier, VT 05609-1101

## Virginia

**Registration Deadline** — Delivered 29 days before the election.

**6. ID Number.** Your full social security number is required. Your social security number will appear on reports produced only for official use by voter registration and election officials and, for jury selection purposes, by courts. Article II, §2, Constitution of Virginia (1971).

**7. Choice of Party.** You do not have to register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention.

**8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.

**9. Signature.** To register in Virginia you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Virginia and of the precinct in which you want to vote
- be 18 years old by the next May or November general election
- not have been convicted of a felony, or have had your civil rights restored
- not currently be declared mentally incompetent by a court of law

### Attention: Proof of Voter Identification

*(Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act of 2002)*

If this form is submitted by mail and it is the first time you have registered to vote in your jurisdiction, you MUST submit current, valid proof of identification with this application or the first time you vote in a federal election. To send it with this application you should enclose one of the following:

- 1) A **COPY** of a current and valid photo identification **OR**
- 2) A **COPY** of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows your name and address in the jurisdiction.

Submitting your proof of identification now with the application will allow you to avoid the federal requirement to show this proof at the polling place or, if voting by mail, to avoid sending it with your mail-in-ballot.

If you do not provide proof of identification, you may cast a provisional ballot.

*Voters may also be required to show proof of identification under State law.*

### Mailing address:

State Board of Elections  
200 N. 9th Street, Suite 101  
Richmond, VA 23219

# State Instructions

## Washington

**Registration Deadline** — 30 days before the election (or delivered in-person to the local voter registration office 15 days before the election).

**6. ID Number.** You must provide your driver's license number. If you do not have a Washington driver's license, you must provide the last four digits of your Social Security Number. Failure to provide this information may prevent your registration from being processed.

**7. Choice of Party.** You are not required to designate your party affiliation to register in Washington.

**8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.

**9. Signature.** To register in Washington you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a legal resident of Washington State, your county and precinct for 30 days immediately preceding the election in which you want to vote
- be at least 18 years old by election day
- not be convicted of infamous crime, unless restored to civil rights

### Attention: Proof of Voter Identification

*(Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act of 2002)*

If this form is submitted by mail and it is the first time you have registered to vote in your jurisdiction, you **MUST** submit current, valid proof of identification with this application or the first time you vote in a federal election. To send it with this application you should enclose one of the following:

- 1) A **COPY** of a current and valid photo identification **OR**
- 2) A **COPY** of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows your name and address in the jurisdiction.

Submitting your proof of identification now with the application will allow you to avoid the federal requirement to show this proof at the polling place or, if voting by mail, to avoid sending it with your mail-in-ballot.

If you do not provide proof of identification, you may cast a provisional ballot.

*Voters may also be required to show proof of identification under State law.*

### Mailing address:

Secretary of State  
Voter Registration by Mail  
P.O. Box 40230  
Olympia, WA 98504-0230

## West Virginia

**Registration Deadline** — 20 days before the election.

**6. ID Number.** Enter your driver's license number or the last four numbers of your social security number. If you do not have a driver's license number or a social security number, please write "NONE" on the form. An identification number will be assigned to you.

**7. Choice of Party.** You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention (unless you request the ballot of a party which allows independents to vote)

**8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.

**9. Signature.** To register in West Virginia you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- live in West Virginia at the above address
- be 18 years old, or to vote in the primary be 17 years old and turning 18 before the general election
- not be under conviction, probation, or parole for a felony, treason or election bribery
- not have been judged "mentally incompetent" in a court of competent jurisdiction

### Attention: Proof of Voter Identification

*(Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act of 2002)*

If this form is submitted by mail and it is the first time you have registered to vote in this county, you **MUST submit a COPY of a current and valid ID with this application** or at the polls the first time you vote. To send it with this application you should enclose one of the following:

- (1) A **COPY** of a current and valid photo ID with current residence address or

- (2) A **COPY** of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows your name and current residence address.

Submitting your proof of identification now with the application will allow you to avoid the federal requirement to show this proof at the polling place or, if voting by mail, to avoid sending it with your mail-in-ballot.

If you do not provide proof of identification, you may cast a provisional ballot.

*Voters may also be required to show proof of identification under State law.*

### Mailing address:

Secretary of State  
Building 1, Suite 157-K  
1900 Kanawha Blvd. East  
Charleston, WV 25305-0770

# State Instructions

## Wisconsin

**Registration Deadline** — For municipalities where voter registration is required, 13 days before the election (or completed in the local voter registration office up to 5:00 pm. 1 day before the election, or completed at the polling place on election day).

**6. ID Number.** Provide your driver's license number or last 4 digits of your social security number. Indicate which number you will be providing.

**7. Choice of Party.** Not required.

**8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Not required.

**9. Signature.** To register in Wisconsin you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Wisconsin for at least 10 days
- be 18 years old
- not have been convicted of treason, felony or bribery, or if you have, your civil rights have been restored
- not have been found by a court to be incapable of understanding the objective of the electoral process
- not make or benefit from a bet or wage depending on the result of an election
- not have voted at any other location, if registering on election day

### **Attention: Proof of Voter Identification**

*(Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act of 2002)*

If you are registering to vote in Wisconsin for the first time and submitting this application by mail you must provide identification with the application.

If you do not provide identification with this application, you will be asked for identification the first time you vote. If you do not provide proof of identification, you may cast a provisional ballot.

The following forms of identification are acceptable:

- a **COPY** of a current and valid photo identification
- a **COPY** of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or government document that shows the name and address of the voter

The application should be mailed either to your town, village or city clerk or to:

### **Mailing address:**

State Elections Board  
132 E. Wilson Street, Suite 200  
P.O. Box 2973  
Madison, WI 53701-2973

## Wyoming

Wyoming by law, cannot accept this form unless State law is changed.

# State Registration Dates

To register in time to vote in any upcoming election, your application must be postmarked (or delivered to your local voter registration office) by the deadline listed below.

**Alabama** — Voter registration is closed during the ten days preceding an election. Applications must be postmarked or delivered by the eleventh day prior to the election.

**Alaska** — 30 days before the election.

**Arizona** — 29 days before the election.

**Arkansas** — 30 days before the election.

**California** — 15 days before the election.

**Colorado** — 29 days before the election. If the application is received in the mails without a postmark, it must be received within 5 days of the close of registration.

**Connecticut** — 14 days before the election.

**Delaware** — 20 days prior to the general election and 20 days prior to any primary election.

**District of Columbia** — 30 days before the election.

**Florida** — 29 days before the election.

**Georgia** — The fifth Monday before any general primary, general election, or presidential preference primary, or regularly scheduled special election pursuant to the Georgia Election Code. In the event that a special election is scheduled on a date other than those dates prescribed by the Georgia Election Code, registration would close on the 5th day after the call.

**Hawaii** — 30 days before the election.

**Idaho** — 25 days before the election.

**Illinois** — 28 days prior to each election.

**Indiana** — 29 days before the election.

**Iowa** — Must be delivered by 5 p.m. 10 days before the election, if it is a state primary or general election; 11 days before all others. Registration forms which are postmarked 15 or more days before an election are considered on time even if received after the deadline.

**Kansas** — Delivered 15 days before the election.

**Kentucky** — 29 days before the election.

**Louisiana** — 30 days before the election.

**Maine** — Delivered 10 business days before the election (or a voter may register in-person up to and including election day).

**Maryland** — 9:00 p.m. 21 days before the election.

**Massachusetts** — 20 days before the election.

**Michigan** — 30 days before the election.

**Minnesota** — Delivered by 5:00 p.m. 21 days before the election (there is also election day registration at polling places).

**Mississippi** — 30 days before the election.

**Missouri** — 28 days before the election.

**Montana** — 30 days before the election.

**Nebraska** — The third Friday before the election (or delivered by 6 p.m. on the second Friday before the election).

**Nevada** — 9:00 p.m. on the fifth Saturday before any primary or general election. 9:00 p.m. on the third Saturday before any recall or special election. However, if a recall or special election is held on the same day as a primary or general election, the registration closes at 9:00 p.m. on the fifth Saturday before the day for the elections.

**New Hampshire** — New Hampshire town and city clerks will accept this application only as a request for their own absentee voter mail-in registration form, which must be received by your city or town clerk by 10 days before the election.

**New Jersey** — 29 days before the election.

**New Mexico** — 28 days before the election.

**New York** — 25 days before the election.

**North Carolina** — Postmarked 25 days before the election or received in the elections office or designated voter registration agency site by 5:00 p.m. 25 days before the election.

**North Dakota** — North Dakota does not have voter registration.

**Ohio** — 30 days before the election.

**Oklahoma** — 25 days before the election.

**Oregon** — 21 days before the election

**Pennsylvania** — 30 days before an election or primary.

**Rhode Island** — 30 days before the election.

**South Carolina** — 30 days before the election.

**South Dakota** — Received 15 days before the election.

**Tennessee** — 30 days before the election.

**Texas** — 30 days before the election.

**Utah** — 20 days before the election.

**Vermont** — Delivered to the town clerk before 12:00 noon on the second Saturday before the election.

**Virginia** — Delivered 29 days before the election.

**Washington** — 30 days before the election (or delivered in-person to the local voter registration office 15 days before the election).

**West Virginia** — 20 days before the election.

**Wisconsin** — For municipalities where voter registration is required, 13 days before the election (or completed in the local voter registration office up to 5:00 pm. 1 day before the election, or completed at the polling place on election day).

**Wyoming** — Wyoming by law, cannot accept this form unless State law is changed.