



Voter's Registration Guide

YOUR VOICE MATTERS



Important dates

- October 5 – Last Day to Register
- October 13 – Early Voting Starts
- October 30 - Early Voting Begins

Your Vote Matters; Your Voice Matters.

Why vote?

No matter your political leaning, casting your ballot has a history in reinforcing a process that acknowledges the rights of individuals in the United States of America. People have fought for this right and still fight to this day to retain their rights. It is a form of community care to exercise your right to vote by making informed decisions within the political process where you can.

Resource: [Common Voting Terms](#)

Eligibility

- A United States citizen;
- A resident of the Texas county in which application for registration is made;
- At least **18** years old on **Election Day**;
- Not finally convicted of a felony, or, if so convicted must have (1) fully discharged the sentence, including any term of incarceration, parole, or supervision, or completed a period of probation ordered by any court; or (2) been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disability to vote; and
- Not determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be (1) totally mentally incapacitated; or (2) partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote.

[Source1, 2](#)

Am I Registered

[HTTPS://TEAMRV-
MVP.SOS.TEXAS.GOV/MVP/MVP.DO](https://TEAMRV-MVP.SOS.TEXAS.GOV/MVP/MVP.DO)

Why check your registration?

In the U.S we do not have automatic voter registration. The current method of self registration is a method to verify who is voting and to maintain that elections have one vote per person.

Information from voting and voter's registration also can provide demographic information necessary in research.

Each states has different requirements for voting. You can find the information for Texas at the link <<<.

Voter Registration Application

Important: You must know your county of residence in order to fill out the form which begins on this screen.

- Before going forward, [you can find out if you are already registered](#).
- The application form will appear after you answer the question(s) below.

Are you a United States Citizen?

Yes No

Registration is simple. You may fill out the registration online or pick up an application from your local USPS or other locations and mail the form in.

Important links:

Online application: <https://vrapp.sos.state.tx.us/index.asp>

Voter Registrars: <https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/votregduties.shtml>

Mail in vote eligibility and request: <https://www.sos.texas.gov/elections/voter/reqabbbm.shtml>

HOW TO REGISTER

Identification

- Many areas in the U.S still experience voter suppression related to economic instability and job stability issues. Knowing your voter ID options in advance can assistance in developing a plan of action to streamline your voting experience.

Source:

<https://www.votetexas.gov/register-to-vote/need-id.html>



Make sure you have **1 of these 7** acceptable forms of photo ID.



Texas Driver License*



Texas Election ID Certificate*



Texas Personal ID Card*



Texas Handgun License*



U.S. Citizenship Certificate with Photo



U.S. Military ID Card with Photo*



U.S. Passport* (Book or Card)

Do not possess and cannot reasonably obtain one of these acceptable forms of photo ID?

You may qualify for a Reasonable Impediment Declaration by showing a copy or original of one of the following supporting forms of identification:

- Certified Domestic Birth Certificate or Court Admissible Birth Document
- Current Utility Bill
- Bank Statement
- Government Check
- Paycheck
- Government document with your name and an address including your Voter Registration Certificate

Exemptions might apply. Find out more at:
VOTETEXAS.GOV
POWERED BY THE **TEXAS SECRETARY OF STATE**
or call **1-800-252-VOTE (8683)**

*For voters aged 18 – 69 years, photo ID can be expired for up to four years. For voters aged 70 and older, photo ID can be expired for any length of time if otherwise valid.

How to Vote

Know the Candidates and Issues

- Exercising your right to vote is important, but what is most important is being informed about what you are voting for.
- Politics are not scary topics that need to be avoided. Do your research and ask questions.

Find Your polling place

- Locate your polling place. You can find that on the Vote Texas site.
- Also note that some county's participate in countywide voting so you can find any polling place that works for you the day of.
- **Source:**
<https://www.votetexas.gov/voting/where.html>



*But The
Issues are
Complicated
?*

- Yes, there is always a lot going on politically on the Federal, State, and City level, but there are many resources out there to assist.
- **Ballot Information:**
<https://candidate.texas-election.com/Elections/getCandidatesBallotOrderInfo.do>
- **CNN Presidential Campaign Profiles:**
<https://www.cnn.com/election/2020/candidates>
- **BallotPedia:**
https://ballotpedia.org/Presidential_election,_2020
Politico: <https://www.politico.com/2020-election/candidates-views-on-the-issues/>
- **Vote Smart:**
<https://justfacts.votesmart.org/>
- **Ballot Ready**

COVID-19 Considerations

Most polling center will be taking COVID-19 into consideration and doing their best. There are the chances however that risk contact with asymptomatic folks or folks who just don't take this seriously. Prepare yourself.

Visit the [TDSHS website to see local resources](#) also keep up to date with the [CDC COVID-19 Voting Guidance](#).

Prevention of COVID-19

There is currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19. The best way to prevent infection is to take steps to avoid exposure to this virus, which are similar to the steps you take to avoid the flu.



Wash hands with soap and water.



Wear a face covering.



Cover coughs and sneezes.



Avoid touching face.



Disinfect often touched surfaces.



Stay 6 feet apart.

- [Voter's Right's Act](#)
- [Voting Rights Advancement Act 2019](#)
- [Bill Of Right Institute](#)
- [ACLU's Current Voting Issues](#)
- [Block the Vote: Voter Suppression in 2020](#)



Your Rights

- Find your Cause
- Use your Privilege
- Petition
- Organize and Raise awareness
- Volunteer
- Canvas
- Call, Email, Write to your representative.

Source



*What Else
Can I do?*

***I'm No Longer Accepting the Things
I Cannot Change...I'm Changing the
Things I can not Accept.
~Angela Davis***