

Voter Registration and Early/Absentee Balloting

Rules on voter registration and early/absentee balloting vary from state to state. We urge all members to register and vote in this important election.

In those states that allow early voting, you can cast your ballot before Election Day. In most cases there is a four- to six-week period during which voters can submit ballots early. In Oregon, all voting is done by mail prior to Election Day.

Many states have "no excuse" absentee voting, which means they allow voters to submit absentee ballots without requiring them to state a reason. Other states have restrictions for absentee voting, which are indicated below.

For a link to your state's laws on voting, visit www.votesmart.org and click on "Voter Registration," then choose your state from the drop-down menu.

STATE	VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE	EARLY VOTING	ABSENTEE BALLOT SIGNATURE WITNESS?
Alabama	Oct. 24	No	Witness Required
Alaska	Oct. 5	Yes	Witness Required
Arizona	Oct. 6	Yes	No Excuse
Arkansas	Oct. 5	Yes	Witness Not Required
California	Oct. 20	Yes	No Excuse
Colorado	Oct. 6	Yes	No Excuse
Connecticut	Nov. 3	No	Witness Not Required
Delaware	Oct. 15	No	Witness Required
District of Columbia	Oct. 5	No	Witness Not Required
Florida	Oct. 6	Yes	Witness Required
Georgia	Oct. 6	Yes	Witness Required*
Hawaii	Oct. 5	Yes	Witness Required*
Idaho	Oct. 10	No	No Excuse
Illinois	Oct. 7	No	Witness Not Required
Indiana	Oct. 6	Yes	No Excuse
Iowa	Oct. 25	Yes	No Excuse
Kansas	Oct. 20	Yes	No Excuse
Kentucky	Oct. 6	No	Witness Not Required
Louisiana	Oct. 5	No	Witness Required
Maine	Nov. 4	Yes	Witness Required
Maryland	Oct. 14	No	Witness Not Required
Massachusetts	Oct. 15	No	Witness Not Required
Michigan	Oct. 5	No	Witness Required*
Minnesota	By Oct. 15 or on Election Day at polls	No	Witness Required
Mississippi	Oct. 5	No	Witness Required
Missouri	Oct. 8	No	Witness required
Montana	Oct. 5	No	No Excuse
Nebraska	Oct. 24	Yes	Witness Required
Nevada	Oct. 4	Yes	No Excuse
New Hampshire	Nov. 4	No	Witness Not Required
New Jersey	Oct. 14	No	Witness Required
New Mexico	Oct. 7	Yes	No Excuse
New York	Oct. 10	No	Witness Required*
North Carolina	Oct. 10	Yes	Witness Required
North Dakota	(No voter reg.)	Yes	Witness Required
Ohio	Oct. 5	No	Witness Not Required
Oklahoma	Oct. 10	Yes	Witness Required
Oregon	Oct. 14	(Mail-in Only)	No Excuse
Pennsylvania	Oct. 5	No	Witness Required*
Rhode Island	Oct. 5	No	Witness Required
South Carolina	Oct. 5	No	Witness Required
South Dakota	Oct. 20	No	No Excuse
Tennessee	Oct. 5	Yes	Witness Required*
Texas	Oct. 5	Yes	Witness Required
Utah	Postmarked by Oct. 4 or in person by Oct. 20	Yes	Witness Required*
Vermont	Deliver to town or city clerk by Oct. 29	Yes	No Excuse
Virginia	Oct. 6	No	Witness Required
Washington	Postmarked by Oct. 5 or in person by Oct. 20	No	No Excuse
West Virginia	Oct. 15	Yes	No Excuse
Wisconsin	Nov. 4	No	Witness Required
Wyoming	Nov. 4	No	No Excuse

* Witness signature required only if voter was assisted in filling out ballot.