

VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Eligibility

You are qualified to register to vote in Ohio if you meet all the following requirements:

1. You are a citizen of the United States.
2. You will be at least 18 years old on or before the day of the general election.
3. You will be a resident of Ohio for at least 30 days immediately before the election in which you want to vote.
4. You are not incarcerated (in jail or prison) for a felony conviction under the laws of Ohio, another state or the United States.
5. You have not been declared incompetent for voting purposes by a probate court.
6. You have not been permanently denied the right to vote for violations of the election laws.

You are eligible to vote in elections in your voting precinct held more than 30 days after you are registered to vote in Ohio.

Submitting Your Voter Registration Form

Returning your own form:

You may return your completed voter registration form in person or by U.S. mail to any of the following public offices:

- Any county board of elections;
- The Ohio Secretary of State's office;

- "Designated agencies" including any BMV, ODJFS, RSC, or Deputy Registrars;
- Any county treasurer's office;
- Any public high school or vocational school; or
- Any public library.

Returning someone else's form:

Anyone entrusted to return a completed voter registration form on behalf of another person must return the completed form to a board of elections or to the office of the Secretary of State. Forms must be returned the earlier of 1) within 10 days after the registration form is completed, or 2) by the voter registration deadline before an election if the registration form has been signed on or before the registration deadline for the next upcoming election in the voter's precinct.

Registration Deadlines

Your properly completed voter registration form must be **postmarked** or **received by** the 30th day before the election at which you wish to vote. If the voter registration deadline falls on a day when offices of the Secretary of State and county board of elections are closed, the deadline is extended to the next succeeding business day when the government office is open.

Notice from County Board of Elections

Within 20 business days after receiving your properly completed voter registration form, your county board of elections must register you to vote and promptly notify you by mail of your precinct, polling location and the identification requirements for voting.

NOTICE TO ALL VOTERS (R.C. 3503.28(A)(6))

"Voters must bring identification to the polls in order to verify identity. Identification may include a current and valid photo identification; a military identification, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document, other than a notice of election or a voter registration notification sent by a board of elections, that shows the voter's name and current address. Voters who do not provide one of these documents will still be able to vote by providing the last four digits of the voter's social security number and by casting a provisional ballot. Voters who do not have any of these forms of identification, including a social security number, will still be able to vote by signing an affirmation swearing to the voter's identity under penalty of election falsification and by casting a provisional ballot." (Effective September 12, 2008)

WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE.