VOTER ACCESS GUIDE



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A MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY OF STATE FRANK LAROSE



Since taking office in 2019, it has been my goal to ensure that Ohio's elections are secure, accurate, and accessible. A key to achieving this goal is providing equal access for all voters – including those with a disability. Whether by providing easy access and assistance with online voter registration, accessible in-person voting, or absentee voting, my office is committed to ensuring all eligible Ohioans can make their voices heard confidently, privately, and independently.

It is my hope that the information in this guide will help educate you about the resources available for Ohioans with a disability. This guide provides information about registering to vote or updating your registration, accessibility provisions and assistance available for in-person voting, and about the various ways you can cast your ballot. If you have any questions please visit VoteOhio.gov or contact my office.

We hope that you find this information useful and encourage you to share it with others so that they too can participate in our great democracy.

Yours in service,

Frank LaRose
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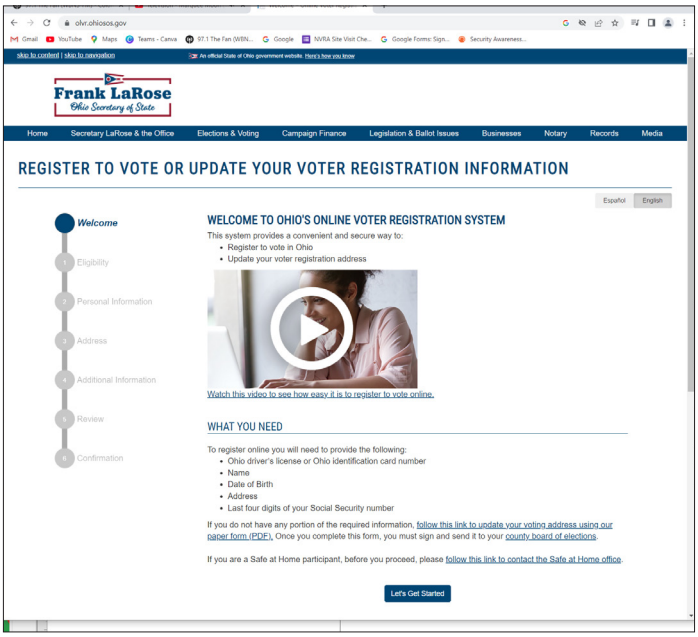
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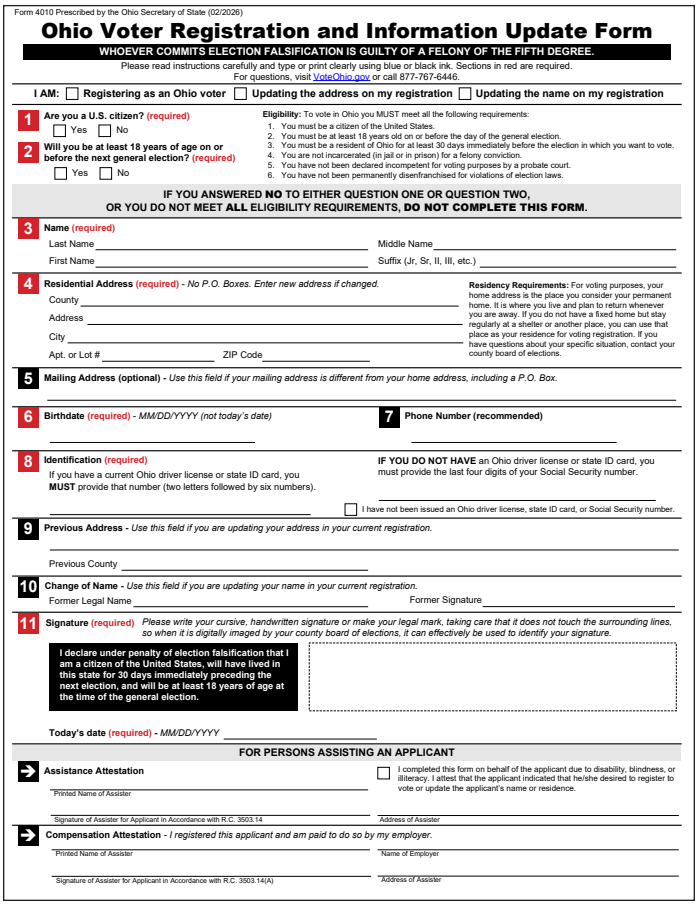
If you would like to vote in Ohio elections, the first step is to register to vote.

Eligibility to Register

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

- You are a citizen of the United States.
- You will be at least 18 years old on or before the day of the next general election.
- You will be a resident of Ohio for at least 30 days immediately before the election in which you want to vote.
- You are not in jail, prison, or a community-based correctional facility for a felony conviction under the laws of Ohio, another state, or the United States.
- You have not been declared incompetent for voting purposes by a probate court.
- You have not lost your right to vote due to violations of election laws.





Form 4010 Prescribed by the Ohio Secretary of State (02/2026)

Ohio Voter Registration and Information Update Form

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

Please read instructions carefully and type or print clearly using blue or black ink. Sections in red are required.
For questions, visit VoteOhio.gov or call 877-767-6446.

I AM: ☐ Registering as an Ohio voter ☐ Updating the address on my registration ☐ Updating the name on my registration

1 **Are you a U.S. citizen?** (required) ☐ Yes ☐ No

2 **Will you be at least 18 years of age on or before the next general election?** (required) ☐ Yes ☐ No

Eligibility: To vote in Ohio you MUST meet all the following requirements:
1. You must be a citizen of the United States.
2. You must be at least 18 years old on or before the day of the general election.
3. You must 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 in prison) for a felony conviction.
5. You have not been declared incompetent for voting purposes by a probate court.
6. You have not been permanently disenfranchised for violations of election laws.

IF YOU ANSWERED NO TO EITHER QUESTION ONE OR QUESTION TWO, OR YOU DO NOT MEET ALL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, DO NOT COMPLETE THIS FORM.

3 **Name** (required)
Last Name _____ Middle Name _____
First Name _____ Suffix (Jr, Sr, II, III, etc.) _____

4 **Residential Address** (required) - *No P.O. Boxes. Enter new address if changed.*
County _____
Address _____
City _____
Apt. or Lot # _____ ZIP Code _____

Residency Requirements: For voting purposes, your home address is the place you consider your permanent home. It is where you live and plan to return whenever you are away. If you do not have a fixed home but stay regularly at a shelter or another place, you can use that place as your residence for voting registration. If you have questions about your specific situation, contact your county board of elections.

5 **Mailing Address (optional)** - *Use this field if your mailing address is different from your home address, including a P.O. Box.*

6 **Birthdate** (required) - *MM/DD/YYYY (not today's date)*

7 **Phone Number (recommended)**

8 **Identification** (required)
If you have a current Ohio driver license or state ID card, you **MUST** provide that number (two letters followed by six numbers).

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE an Ohio driver license or state ID card, you must provide the last four digits of your Social Security number.

☐ I have not been issued an Ohio driver license, state ID card, or Social Security number.

9 **Previous Address** - *Use this field if you are updating your address in your current registration.*
Previous County _____

10 **Change of Name** - *Use this field if you are updating your name in your current registration.*
Former Legal Name _____ Former Signature _____

11 **Signature** (required) *Please write your cursive, handwritten signature or make your legal mark, taking care that it does not touch the surrounding lines, so when it is digitally imaged by your county board of elections, it can effectively be used to identify your signature.*

I declare under penalty of election falsification that I am a citizen of the United States, will have lived in this state for 30 days immediately preceding the next election, and will be at least 18 years of age at the time of the general election.

Today's date (required) - *MM/DD/YYYY* _____

FOR PERSONS ASSISTING AN APPLICANT

Assistance Attestation
☐ I completed this form on behalf of the applicant due to disability, blindness, or illiteracy. I attest that the applicant indicated that he/she desired to register to vote or update the applicant's name or residence.
Printed Name of Assister
Signature of Assister for Applicant in Accordance with R.C. 3503.14
Address of Assister

Compensation Attestation - *I registered this applicant and am paid to do so by my employer.*
Printed Name of Assister
Name of Employer
Signature of Assister for Applicant in Accordance with R.C. 3503.14(A)
Address of Assister

Time to Register

You can register to vote any time during the year. To be eligible to vote in any given election, your voter registration must be received by or postmarked 30 days prior to that election.

Registration Process

To register to vote, you must complete a voter registration form. You can register online or complete a paper registration form.

Register Online

To register to vote online, go to VoteOhio.gov to use the online voter registration system.

To register online, you will need the following:

1. Name
2. Date of birth
3. Address
4. Ohio driver license or Ohio identification card number
5. Last four digits of your Social Security number



VoteOhio.gov

Register Using Paper

To register to vote using a paper form, go to VoteOhio.gov, fill out a voter registration form, and print it out. You can also print a blank form and fill in the needed information by hand.



If you do not have access to a printer, you can call the board of elections in your county (the directory is at VoteOhio.gov/boards) or the Secretary of State's office to request a voter registration form be mailed to you.

To register using a paper registration form, you must provide an Ohio driver license number or Ohio state ID card number. If you do not have a current, valid Ohio driver license or Ohio state ID card, you must provide the last four digits of your Social Security number.

County Boards of Elections Directory

Register in Person

You may obtain a voter registration form and register to vote in person at any of the following locations:

- The office of the Secretary of State
- The office of any of the 88 county boards of elections
- The office of any registrar or deputy registrar of the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles
- Public libraries
- Public high schools or vocational schools
- County treasurers' offices
- Offices of designated agencies, including:
  - The Department of Job and Family Services
  - The Department of Health – (including the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program)
  - The Department of Behavioral Health
  - The Department of Developmental Disabilities
  - Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities
  - The office of any state-assisted college or university responsible for providing assistance to students with disabilities
  - Centers for Independent Living

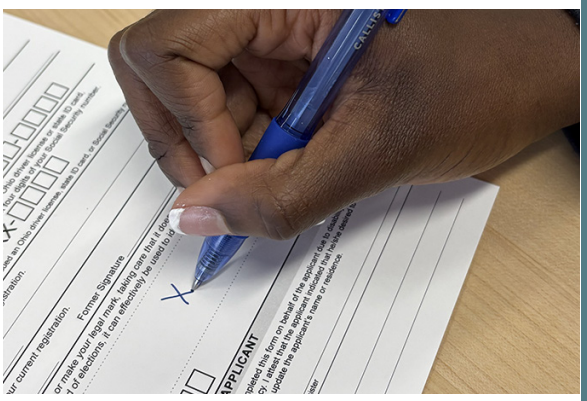
Voter Signature

If you are registering to vote using a paper registration form, your signature is required on the form. Be sure to write your cursive, handwritten signature, or make your legal mark within the box provided on the registration form.



- If you are unable to sign your own name and have no other legal mark, make an "X," if possible, on the signature line. The person who is helping you fill out this form should sign your name beside the mark you made, then must check the box and sign their name as the person who helped you fill out the form.

- If you are unable to make an "X," you must indicate in some manner to the person assisting you that you want to register to vote. The person registering you should sign your name in the signature box, then check the box and sign their name on the form attesting that you indicated that you want to register to vote.



A voter with a disability may personally add their signature using reasonable accommodation, including assistive technology or an augmentative device such as a signature stamp.

If your signature has changed, you may complete and sign the Authorization to Update Signature on Registration Record (Form 260), then return it to your county board of elections.

Form 260

Attorney-in-Fact

If, by reason of disability, you are unable to physically sign your name, make an "X," or make another legal mark, you may appoint an "attorney-in-fact" who may then sign your name on your behalf at your direction and in your presence.

- Your attorney-in-fact must be a legally competent resident of the state of Ohio who is 18 years of age or older.
- Your attorney-in-fact can sign your name for election documents when you ask him or her to do so and while you are present.
- In order to have a person act as your attorney-in-fact, there are certain forms (Secretary of State Form 10-F and Form 10-G) that must be filled out in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 3501.382. You can obtain these forms by scanning the appropriate QR code, by contacting your local board of elections, or by visiting VoteOhio.gov and selecting "Voters With Disabilities."

Form 10-F

Form 10-G

Ohio Revised Code 3501.382

What to Do with Your Completed Voter Registration Form

Once you have obtained your voter registration form, complete the required information. Be sure to check the form carefully. After you have completed your voter registration form, you must return it in one of the following ways:

- Send your voter registration form by U.S. Mail to your county board of elections, to the Secretary of State's office, or to any of the other offices listed previously.
- Personally deliver your voter registration form to your county board of elections, to the Secretary of State's office, or to any of the other offices listed previously.
- Have someone else personally deliver your voter registration form to your county board of elections, to the Secretary of State's office, or to any of the offices listed previously for you within 10 days of when you completed the form, or by the voter registration deadline, whichever is earlier.

If you have recently registered for the first time, you will receive a card in the mail designating your polling location where you can vote on Election Day. You can also check your voter registration or find your polling location at VoteOhio.gov.

VoteOhio.gov

Moved or Changed Your Name

- If you move and/or change your name after registering to vote, you must update your voter registration by submitting a new voter registration form. You can go to the Secretary of State's Online Voter Registration System at VoteOhio.gov to update your voter registration. Choose "Change Your Address." Ohio's voter registration form also serves as a change of address and change of name form. You can obtain the form online at VoteOhio.gov or at any of the locations listed previously.
- If you do not report a required change of address by the 30th day before an election, you are still eligible to vote. However, this may mean you have to cast a provisional ballot (see page 15 for information on provisional ballots).
- If you have changed your name but have not reported the name change to the board of elections by the 30th day before an election and appear at your precinct polling location to vote on Election Day, as long as you are registered to vote in that precinct, you may cast a regular ballot if you provide proof of the legal name change (e.g., a marriage license or a court order that includes the voter's current and prior names) and sign a Notice of Change of Name (Form 10-L).

VoteOhio.gov

Form 10-L

Once you have successfully registered to vote in Ohio elections, the next step is to decide how you want to cast your ballot. In Ohio, voters have many different options to vote, whether you want to vote early in person, by mail, or by going to your polling location on Election Day. We strive to ensure all your options for voting are accessible.

OPTION 1—Vote Absentee

Any qualified Ohio voter whose registration information is current may request and vote an absentee ballot without stating a reason.

Absentee voters may choose to vote an absentee ballot in person or by mail prior to Election Day. If you wish to cast an absentee ballot by mail, you must submit an application to your local county board of elections.

Types of Absentee Voting

1. Absentee Voting by Mail

Ohio voters may request and receive their ballot in the mail to be marked at their convenience.

You must submit a request for an absentee ballot to the board of elections of the county where your voting residence is located. You may only use an application form prescribed by the Ohio Secretary of State, available at VoteOhio.gov.

You can apply for an absentee ballot beginning January 1, or 90 days before the date of an election, whichever is earlier, and ending at the close of business on the seventh day before Election Day.

RETURNING YOUR ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST

Once you complete your request for an absentee ballot, you can return it:

By Mail

- You may mail your completed absentee ballot request to the board of elections of the county where your voting residence is located.
- Your request must have your signature on it.
- The board must receive your request by the close of business on the seventh day before Election Day, though you should request an absentee ballot as early as possible to have time to receive, vote, and return your ballot.

VoteOhio.gov

In Person

You may return your absentee ballot request in person at the board of elections of the county where your voting residence is located.

See the full voting calendar at: OhioSoS.gov/Elections/Voting-Schedule

2. Accessible Absentee Voting

Accessible absentee voting is a ballot delivery option that allows a voter with a disability to receive their absentee ballot in an accessible format on any device connected to the Internet. The voter can access, read, and mark their ballot privately and independently using the accessible absentee voting system, using any necessary assistive technology.

To request your accessible ballot, you must use the prescribed Secretary of State Form 11-G. You can find this form on VoteOhio.gov. After filling out the form, printing, and then signing, you must return the form to your local board of elections.

Once the board receives your timely and complete application, the board must send the following promptly to you via email to the email address you provided:

- A link through which you may access and mark your ballot using the accessible absentee voting system.
- Secretary of State Form 12-A (Absentee Ballot Identification Envelope)
- Secretary of State Form 12-N (Instructions to Voters Using an Accessible Absentee Voting System)
- Any additional instructions prepared by the board of elections or the vendor that you might need to utilize the accessible absentee voting system.

The board also must send you a physical Absentee Ballot Identification Envelope (Secretary of State Form 12-A) and an Absentee Ballot Return Envelope (Secretary of State Form 12-F) via regular U.S. Mail on the same day that the board emails the link and instructions to you. These can be used instead of the electronic attachments in the email if you prefer.

OhioSoS.gov/VotingCalendar

Form 11-G

VoteOhio.gov

Form 12-A

Form 12-N

Form 12-F

VOTING YOUR ACCESSIBLE ABSENTEE BALLOT

Once you receive the email from your county board of elections, you can access your ballot through the link provided using the accessible absentee voting system. You can then mark your ballot privately and independently using your computer, laptop, tablet, smartphone, or other device using assistive technology. After marking your ballot, you must print, sign, and enclose it in an envelope in one of the following ways:

1. You may complete the Absentee Ballot Identification Envelope (Secretary of State Form 12-A) electronically. Once completed, print the form, sign your name, and enclose it with your ballot in any envelope.
2. You may complete and sign the Absentee Ballot Identification Envelope (Secretary of State Form 12-A) and enclose your ballot in the Identification Envelope.

Form 12-A

The county board of elections must indicate the location where the voter needs to sign the Identification Envelope – Statement of Voter form by punching two small holes with a hole puncher. One hole will be on the "X" following "Signature," and one at the end of the signature line. This will allow a voter who is blind or visually impaired to know, by touch, where he or she needs to sign.

RETURNING YOUR VOTED ABSENTEE BALLOT

When you are finished marking your absentee ballot (including when using an accessible absentee voting system), you must return your voted absentee ballot to the board of elections. You can return your voted absentee ballot in two ways:

Returning your ballot by mail

Your absentee ballot must be received no later then 7:30 p.m. on Election Day.

Returning your ballot in person

You may deliver your absentee ballot personally, or a near relative* may deliver your absentee ballot. However, a voter who is disabled may select anyone to deliver their ballot, other than their employer or an officer in their union (52 U.S.C. § 10508). The person delivering a ballot for either a family member or a voter with a disability MUST complete an attestation form at the county board of elections office (Form 12-P).

** Near relative includes the voter's spouse or the voter's father, mother, father-in-law, mother-in-law, grandfather, grandmother, brother, or sister of the whole or half blood, or the son, daughter, adopting parent, adopted child, stepparent, stepchild, uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece (R.C. 3509.05).*

3. Absentee Voting in Person, Commonly Known as Early Voting

Starting the day after the close of voter registration and ending on the Sunday before the election, you may request and vote an absentee ballot in person at your county board of elections or voting center as designated by the county. To find out when and where to vote in person before Election Day, contact your county board of elections or visit VoteOhio.gov for a list of county board addresses and contact information.

VoteOhio.gov

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES—DISABILITY OR CONFINEMENT

If you are unable to travel to your polling location on Election Day due to your personal illness or physical disability, you may still vote by absentee ballot. Only an absentee voter who has a disability or is confined may apply to vote using Secretary of State Form 11-F. The board must receive your request by the close of business on the seventh day before Election Day. Secretary of State Form 11-F is available at VoteOhio.gov. Choose "Voters With Disabilities" then choose "Forms."

Form 11-F

You can request that the ballot be mailed directly to you. Alternatively, you can request that two board of elections employees from opposite major political parties deliver the ballot to you and return your ballot to the board of elections for you. If you are unable to mark the ballot by reason of your disability, you may request help from the two employees sent to assist you.

OPTION 2—Vote at Your Polling Location on Election Day

In Ohio, every polling location used on Election Day is required to be accessible to ensure equal access for people with disabilities. Your polling location is required to have accessible voting equipment that is available, set up, and ready for voters who may need accessibility features to mark their ballot privately and independently.



If you choose to vote at your polling location on Election Day, you must cast your ballot at your designated polling location between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. If you are in line by 7:30 p.m., you WILL be allowed to vote.

Contact your board of elections for more information about these accessible voting machine features:



- audio ballots
- braille and tactile lettering
- zoom screen/large-print text
- screen/text color contrast
- screen height or tilt adjustments
- sip/puff navigation
- touch screen or push-button navigation

Where to Vote

Where you vote on Election Day is determined by the address where you live and are registered to vote.

If you do not know the location of your precinct or polling location, please contact your county board of elections, or to use the online voter lookup tool, visit VoteOhio.gov and select LOOK UP YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION.



Boards of Elections

VoteOhio.gov

County Boards of Elections Directory

Identification Requirements

In-person voters must bring photo identification to the polls in order to verify their identity. Photo identification must include your name, your photograph, and must not be expired. Voters who do not have photo identification will still be able to cast a provisional ballot. If you have a religious objection to being photographed, you can vote a provisional ballot and complete an Affidavit of Religious Objection (Form 12-O).



Form 12-O

The forms of identification that may be used by a voter who appears at a polling location to vote on Election Day include:

- Ohio driver license, state ID card, or interim ID form issued by the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV).
- A United States (U.S.) passport or passport card.
- A U.S. military ID card, U.S. military dependent ID card, Ohio National Guard ID card, or U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs ID card.

For more information on identification, go to VoteOhio.gov. If you do not bring one of these documents with you, you will still be able to cast a provisional ballot. (See page 15 for more information on provisional ballots.)



VoteOhio.gov

IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

– For the Purpose of Voting –

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF ID

Driver License



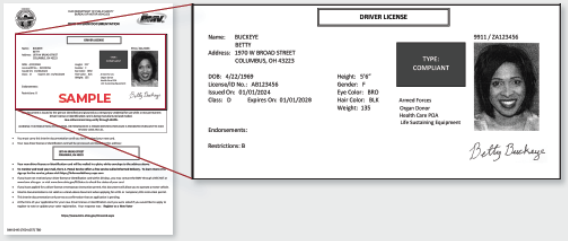
State ID



U.S. Passport or U.S. Passport Card



Interim ID



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs ID



U.S. Military ID or Ohio National Guard ID

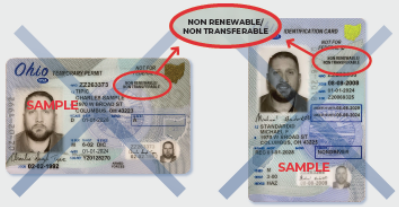


U.S. Military Dependent ID



UNACCEPTABLE FORMS OF ID

Non Renewable/Non Transferable Credential

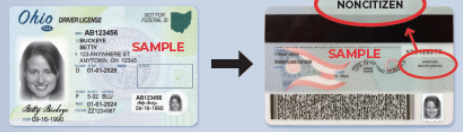


Ohio Mobile ID



CITIZENSHIP DOCUMENTATION
(If Required)

Noncitizen Identifier



If the license or ID contains a "NONCITIZEN" identifier on the back, additional proof of citizenship, outlined below, is required.

Certificate of Naturalization



Birth Certificate



Certificate of Citizenship



Consular Report of Birth Abroad (CRBA) / Certification of Report of Birth



Form I-797 Notice of Action for Form N-565

After April 2, 2012



Before April 2, 2012



ASSISTANCE MARKING YOUR BALLOT

If you cannot mark your ballot, or if you need assistance because of your disability, you may bring someone with you to help you vote, or you may ask for assistance from two poll workers (from opposite major political parties).

You may ask anyone to help you, except:

- A candidate whose name appears on the ballot.
- Your employer or your employer's agent.
- An officer or agent of your union.

No one who assists you can tell you how to vote or disclose any information about how you voted.

CURBSIDE VOTING

If you have a disability and are physically unable to enter the polling location, you can vote curbside, outside your polling location. Curbside voting is available when a person is physically unable to enter a polling location. The person may send another person into the polling location to inform poll workers of their desire to vote curbside.

Two poll workers from opposite major political parties will bring a ballot to you. You may sit in your vehicle and vote, or you may vote at the door of the building. Election officials will not challenge you if you have a disability or are physically unable to enter the polling location.



PROVISIONAL VOTING

You will receive a provisional ballot if a poll worker tells you that you cannot vote a regular ballot for one of the following reasons:

- Your name does not appear on the official poll list for that precinct.
- You changed your name and moved to a different precinct without updating your address by the voter registration deadline.
- You changed your name, remained within the same precinct, but did not present proof of your name change.
- You moved to a different precinct without updating your address by the voter registration deadline.
- You do not provide valid photo identification.
- You had already asked for an absentee ballot for the same election;
- Your name is marked in the official poll list or signature book because certain registration mailings were returned by the post office as undeliverable.
- Your eligibility to vote has been challenged by the poll workers, or a hearing to challenge your voting eligibility has been postponed until after the election.
- Your signature does not match the signature on your registration form.
- You already cast a ballot in the election.
- Your name is marked in the official poll list or signature book because your voter record contains a data mismatch with the BMV and/or SSA.

The content of a provisional ballot is no different from a regular ballot, but it is cast "provisionally" until election officials can verify your eligibility to vote in the particular precinct at that election. Your provisional ballot will be eligible to be counted once one or more of the above reasons are resolved within four days after Election Day.

PHOTO ID ISSUE

If you did not provide an acceptable form of photo identification at the time you cast your provisional ballot, you must appear in person at the board of elections within four days immediately following Election Day with your valid identification in order for your ballot to be counted. If you have a religious objection to being photographed, you must complete the Affidavit of Religious Objection (Form 12-O) either at the time of voting or within four days after Election Day.

For more provisional ballot information, visit: OhioSoS.gov/Elections/Voters/Provisional-Voting/.

Form 12-O

Provisional Voting Information

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WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

Contact the Ohio Secretary of State
ADA Coordinator or your county board
of elections for assistance.

ADA@OhioSoS.gov | VoteOhio.gov/Boards

Ohio Secretary of State's office
180 Civic Center Drive | Columbus, Ohio 43215-4138

614-466-2585 | 877-SOS-OHIO (877-767-6446) | TTY 877-889-6446

VoteOhio.gov

Elections@OhioSoS.gov

COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS

Each of Ohio's 88 counties has a board of elections responsible for administering local elections. For a listing of county boards of elections, visit VoteOhio.gov/Boards.

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