



## **Frequently Asked Questions: Election Day Registration (EDR)**

### **What is Election Day Registration (EDR)?**

A new election law passed in Connecticut in 2012 provides for Election Day Registration (EDR) in general elections. If you are unable to register to vote by Connecticut's normal deadlines, EDR is your safety net. It is your last chance to make your voice heard on Election Day. It is available only for general elections — not for primaries or referenda — and only for those who are not already registered to vote in their town.

### **Why is EDR needed?**

It is always best to register to vote well in advance of the election. But, sometimes life gets in the way — you just moved into a new town, you worked overtime and couldn't get to town hall to register, or your computer crashed and you couldn't print out the voter registration form. This is your last chance to make your voice heard on Election Day.

### **How does EDR work?**

You must appear in person at your town's EDR location. You will be asked to fill out a voter registration application and provide your identification and proof of residency. You must affirm — in writing — that you have not already voted in this election. If you have been registered to vote in another Connecticut town, the election officials must contact your former town to verify your voting status. When this is completed, you will be able to cast your ballot right there.

### **What ID do I need to bring with me?**

If you choose to register on Election Day, you must appear in person and provide proof of your identity and residence. A current and valid Connecticut driver's license will satisfy both requirements. Other options for proof of identity include a birth certificate, social security card or current student photo ID from an institute of higher education. A proof of residence must include your current address. Some examples include: a residential lease, current utility bill, bank statement, college or university student registration or fee statement, or naturalization documents.

### **How long will it take?**

Be prepared to allow extra time for voting if you cannot register before Election Day. Each town has only one designated Election Day Registration location — usually your town hall — where you will register and vote. Registration will cease promptly at 8:00 p.m.

### How do I find my EDR location?

You can verify your town's Election Day Registration location by using the Secretary of the State's website ([www.ct.gov/sots/](http://www.ct.gov/sots/)), your town's website, or by contacting your town's registrar of voters.

### How can I verify my registration?

Go to the League of Women Voters of Connecticut (LWVCT) website ([www.lwvct.org](http://www.lwvct.org)) and click on the verify-your-voter-registration button.

### If I move within a town, do I have to notify the registrar of voters?

If you move to a new address within the same Connecticut town, it is best to update your registration with your new address by submitting a voter registration form to the Registrars. You must re-register when you move to a new town within Connecticut.

### Do I need to notify the registrar of voters if my name has changed?

To avoid confusion or delays on Election Day, you should update your registration if you have changed your name.

### What about fraud?

Voting fraud at the polls — voter impersonation — is extremely rare in the U.S. and virtually non-existent in Connecticut. However, voting is serious business — so serious that it's a Class D felony to lie on a voter registration form. Those who do can be convicted and imprisoned for up to five years and fined up to \$5,000.