

YOU CAN VOTE IN THE FOLLOWING

Primaries and General Elections, even-numbered years

NATIONAL

Four-year term: President and Vice President.

Six-year term: Two Senators.

Two-year term: One Representative.

STATE

Two-year term: Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Auditor of Accounts, Attorney General.

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

Two-year term: State Senator and Representative
(one or more depending on population)

COUNTY

Four-year term: Assistant Judges, Judge of Probate, States Attorney, Sheriff.

TOWN

Two-year term: Justices of the Peace.
(number dependent on population)

TERMS FROM ONE TO THREE YEARS

Selectboard, Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Constable, Town Agent, Grand Juror, Auditor, Listers.

OTHER MUNICIPAL UNITS

Terms vary according to charter.
Check Annual Report for positions to be filled.

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Terms vary from one to three years.
School Board Members.



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Democracy is Not a Spectator Sport

Since our founding in 1920, we pledged to be nonpartisan, neither supporting nor opposing candidates or political parties at any level of government, and always encouraging informed and active participation of citizens in government. Our mission is to *Empower Voters and Defend Democracy.*



"The right to vote is a fundamental principle of our democracy. When more Americans can participate in our elections, the outcome better reflects who we are as a country."



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VOTING in Vermont



"The right to vote is at risk when you choose not to exercise it."
~ Hon. William K. Sessions III

TO VOTE IN VERMONT

You must be:

- A citizen of the United States
- A resident of Vermont and town in which you apply
- At least 18 years of age at the time of the general election
- And take the Voter's Oath

REGISTERING TO VOTE

When you apply for or renew your driver's license or state ID, you are automatically registered to vote, with the right to opt out.

Or, you can complete a Voter Registration Form (Application for Addition to the Checklist) at your Town Clerk's office or online at olvr.vermont.gov. If you move to a new town or change your name, you will need to re-register. Contact information for Town & County Clerks: <https://sos.vermont.gov/media/vh1jp3oj/2019townclerkguide.pdf>.

There is no party registration for local or state primaries. For statewide primaries, voters receive all party ballots, vote one ballot, and return the other ballots. To vote in the presidential primary, you must request the party ballot of your choice and will receive only that party's ballot.

Check your rights as a voter in Vermont at <https://sos.vermont.gov/media/o4lbt3i/appendix-e-vermont-voter-bill-of-rights.pdf> or by calling (800) 439-VOTE (8683).

MY VOTER PAGE

This online resource through the Secretary of State's office is available to voters once their registration is processed by the Town Clerk. The website allows you to create your own account and check and update your voter status, request and track absentee ballots, find your polling place, view a sample ballot, and more, www.mvp.vermont.gov.

THE ANSWER IS YES!

You can register to vote if you:

- Serve in the military, at college, in a nursing home or health care facility, in prison or released, homeless, or living abroad. Use the address of the last town in which you resided.
- Attend college in Vermont.
- Live out of state temporarily.
- Celebrate your 18th birthday on or before the upcoming election. Vote in both, the primary and general elections.

VOTER CHECKLIST

- ✓ Your name and address will appear on the Voter Checklist of the town where you live. Review the posted Voter Checklist with your Town Clerk to make sure you are registered or check your status at www.mvp.vermont.gov.
- ✓ If you do not wish to have your name on the checklist because of domestic violence, sexual abuse, or stalking, apply for participation in Vermont's *Safe At Home* program, <https://sos.vermont.gov/secretary-of-state-services/safe-at-home>. You will receive use of a substitute Montpelier post office box address.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Vermont offers same-day registration. You may register to vote on any day including Election Day.

POLLS

Polls in Vermont are open between 5 and 10 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.

VOTER IDENTIFICATION

You do not need to show identification to vote, except if you are registering for the first time by mail or online. You must include a photocopy of an acceptable form of ID (Vermont DMV-issued Driver's License, Non-driver ID, or passport), current utility bill, bank statement, or other government document.

VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

<https://sos.vermont.gov/elections/voters/early-absentee-voting>. You may request an absentee ballot as early as 45 days in advance of statewide elections. This can be done online at your *My Voter Page*, by telephone, fax, email, mail, or in person. Your request must be submitted by the close of your Town Clerk's office on the day before the election.

To be counted, your ballot must be returned to the Town Clerk by close of office or delivered to the polling place by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Requests for absentee ballots must be made every election year.

CHALLENGING ELECTIONS

A registered voter can challenge the results of an election by Australian ballot that they believe is not valid by filing a complaint with the Superior Court within 15 days of the election.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Vermont Primary Election Day

Second Tuesday in August of even-numbered years.

General Election

First Tuesday after the first Monday in November of even-numbered years.

Municipal and School District Elections

Held annually on the first Tuesday in March unless otherwise provided in the charter or voted for another date by the town.

Special Town or School District Elections

As needed. Look for public notices in local newspapers or postings.