

REGISTERING TO VOTE

To vote, you must:

- Be registered with an address in Hamilton County at least 30 days before the election; and
- Keep your registration active by voting at least once every four years.

Where can I register to vote?

- Bureau of Motor Vehicles offices
- Hamilton County Public Library branches
- Hamilton County Board of Elections (4700 Smith Rd, 45212)
 - Mail in the signed registration form or
 - Online at the Board of Elections website.

What do I have to provide in order to register?

- Name
- Current residential address
- Date of birth
- Signature
- Identification (the number of your current valid Ohio driver license or Ohio ID card; if you don't have either of those, the last four digits of your Social Security number)

What happens after I register?

The Board of Elections will mail you a card that lists:

- the address of your voting (polling) place;
- your precinct; and
- Info about your representatives and districts

KEEP THIS CARD FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

Where do I vote?

The address is on your voter's card.

Can't find your card? Contact the Board of Elections at 513-632-7000, visit their website at www.votehamiltoncounty.org or call the League of Women Voters at 513-281-8683.

VOTE
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Need information on the candidates and issues? Visit Vote411.org for an online voters guide and election information from the League of Women Voters

To register online go to Hamilton County Board of Election's website at

<https://votehamiltoncountyohio.gov/register/>

You will need to provide the following:

- Ohio driver's license or Ohio identification card number
- Name
- Date of Birth
- Address
- Last four digits of your Social Security number

If you are a **Safe at Home** participant, before you proceed, go to

<https://www.ohiosos.gov/secretary-office/office-initiatives/safe-at-home/>

VOTE BY MAIL

Any registered voter in Ohio may request an Absentee Ballot to vote by mail. A voter with a qualifying disability may request to use a Remote Ballot Marking Device. Both request forms are available online at www.votehamiltoncounty.org or you may call 513-632-7000 or stop by the Hamilton County Board of Elections, 4700 Smith Rd, Norwood, 45212.

Once your signed request is received, a ballot will be mailed to your home, or if indicated on the request form, to another address (which may be outside of Hamilton County). The absentee ballot can be returned in-person to the Board of Elections by 7:30 p.m. on Election Day or mailed and postmarked on or before the day before Election Day. It must be received at the Board of Elections by the 4th day after Election Day to be counted, so mail early. An absentee ballot will not be accepted at your local polling site.

Was this brochure useful to you?

The League of Women Voters of the Cincinnati Area makes publications like this possible.

We provide important educational resources to our community, including a public officials guide, trusted candidate and issue information and a voter education hotline at 513-281-VOTE.

Please consider donating to this 501(c)(3) organization by visiting www.lwvcincinnati.org or mailing a contribution to the address on the front of this brochure.

Tips for Voters Hamilton County, OH

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STEPS TO VOTE

1. Go to the polling place and precinct listed on the card you received from the Board of Elections ("Cincinnati 1-C/Mt. Washington Rec Center," for example). If unsure where to go, check the Hamilton County Board of Elections website or call them at 513-632-7000.

2. All voters in Ohio must show a photo ID in order to verify their identity. Acceptable identification includes any ONE of the following:

- Ohio driver's license
- State of Ohio photo ID card
- U.S. passport
- U.S. military ID card
- Ohio National Guard ID card
- U.S. Veterans ID card

**** Note:** If you do not show the required proof of identity, you may cast a provisional ballot. In order for your vote to be counted you must show the required photo ID at the Board of Elections offices within 4 days.

3. Sign the poll book as directed. You will be given a paper ballot.

4. Go to an open voting booth. Using the pen that is provided, completely fill in the box to the left of your choice on the ballot.

For example:

President - Vote for one

Abraham Lincoln
Historical Party

Julius Caesar
Ancient Party

5. Candidates and issues are sometimes listed on both the FRONT AND BACK of your ballot. Be sure to check both sides of your ballot for items on which you intend to vote.

6. Make sure you read the directions concerning the number of candidates to vote for in each category. Some offices have "field" races where you may vote for more than one candidate. For example, you may vote for up to nine candidates for Cincinnati City Council.

7. You do not have to vote for every office or every issue for your ballot to be counted.

8. When you finish voting, take your ballot to the Vscan machine and insert it into the ballot feed slot located on the top of the machine. Wait while your ballot is scanned.

9. If your ballot is properly marked, the Vscan will accept your ballot and display an American flag on the screen above where you inserted the ballot. At this point, you have completed the voting process.

10. If you have over-voted (voted for too many candidates in a particular race) or there is a problem with your ballot, the machine will notify you. Follow the instructions on the screen. If you would like to make changes to your ballot, contact a poll worker. You may receive up to 2 replacement ballots. If you do not wish to make changes, touch the "Cast ballot as-is" button".

11. Voters with disabilities may use the Hart InterCivic Access Writer ballot marking device to vote independently. A ballot is created based on the voter choices then scanned in the Vscan. Visually impaired or infirm voters may ask for help when voting.

Vote Early In-Person

You can vote in-person the 4 weeks before Election Day at the Hamilton County Board of Elections office: 4700 Smith Rd, Norwood, OH 45212

In addition to the business day, there are some evening hours and Saturday and Sunday hours the weekend before Election Day. Check the Hamilton County Board of Elections website for exact hours.

The ballot, ID requirements and voting machines are the same as when you vote at your local polling place on Election Day.

YOU MAY ASK A POLL WORKER FOR HELP AT ANY TIME

Interested in helping others vote?

- Learn about being a poll worker at the Hamilton County Board of Elections.
- Join the League of Women Voters!

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