Voter Registration Training

September 2024



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State of Iowa Voter Registration Form



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Qualifications

- Only citizens are eligible to vote, so the first question must be marked "Yes" to continue. Typically, the second question will be answered "Yes"; exception may be voters that are 17 but will not be 18 by Election Day.
- In Iowa voters can register at 17. They may only vote in the Election if they are 18 by Election Day. Voters can vote in the Primary Election or participate in the caucus at 17 if they will be 18 by Election Day.
- Many previously incarcerated persons can now vote if they have completed their sentence, including any parole or probation time (are "off papers"). Governor Reynolds signed an Executive Order restoring the voting rights of felons who have completed their sentence. The website <u>https://RestoreYourVote.iowa.gov</u> will walk people through a few questions to determine if they can now vote.

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- If a person has an Iowa DL or Iowa non-operator ID, that number should be used.
- Out-of-state driver license numbers <u>cannot</u> be used.
- If no Iowa DL or nonoperator ID, they should list the last 4 digits of their SSN,
- It is rare to encounter someone without an SSN; if this box is checked, ensure they understand this section.

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Additional Information

- Date of birth and sex are required
- Male/female are the only options the state allows. It is up to the voter to decide which they choose.
- PLEASE have the person include a phone number and/or email

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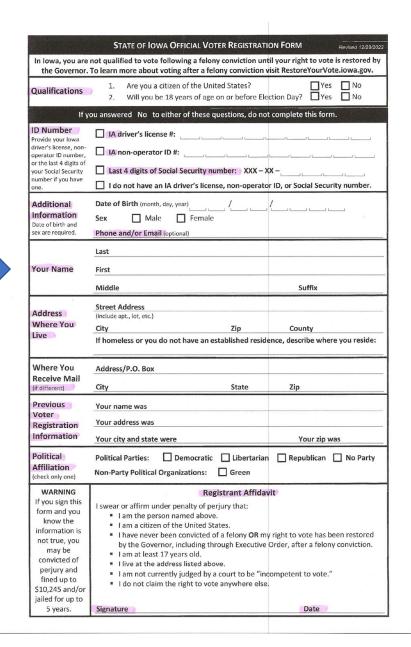
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Your Name

- If the last name if hyphenated (such as Smith-Martinez), the name should be written that way in the space for the last name.
- Voters should list their legal given first name ("Victoria" not "Vicki", "Michael" not "Mike", etc.).
- Suffix refers to a legal suffix such as "Jr", "III", etc.

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Address Where You Live & Address Where You Receive Mail

- Address Where You Live is a residential address. If an apartment, the apartment number is needed.
- If the voter is homeless, they should try to provide as specific information as possible about where they usually sleep or reside so the auditor can determine the voter's precinct.
- For students living in dormitories, the address is the Dorm Hall (100 DORM NAME) and Room number. Street name is not necessary. Zip is 52242.
- Where You Receive Mail only needs to be completed if it is different from the residential address.

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Previous Voter Registration Information

- Needed only if the voter has previously been registered elsewhere
- Exact address not needed

 whatever registrant can remember – street, city, state – will help
- Allows the auditor to contact that county to let them know of the voter registration change

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Political Affiliation

- To participate in a primary or caucus, the voter must designate a party.
- Only one box (or none) should be checked.
- If nothing is checked, the auditor assumes "No Party"
- To change your party affiliation, a new voter registration form needs to be submitted.



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Registrant Affidavit

- Direct the registrant to carefully read the Warning and Registrant Affidavit before signing and dating the form.
- Ensure the form is signed and dated.

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Voter Registration Form

• Any questions on the Voter Registration Form?



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At the Voter Registration Event

- Remember we are a nonpartisan organization. We do not support any candidates or any party at our events.
- Smile and be polite.
- Asking "Are you registered to vote at your current address?" or "Do you need to update your voter registration?" can be less confronting
- People need to register if they have never been registered, have changed their name, or have moved.
- People can check their voter registration at <u>sos.iowa.gov</u> at "Am I Registered to Vote in Iowa?"
- Formerly incarcerated people can check to see if they are eligible to vote at https://RestoreYourVote.iowa.gov
- Registering to vote can be done on-line if the person has an lowa driver's license or lowa non-operator ID through <u>www.vote411.org</u> or <u>sos.iowa.gov</u>
- Review the received voter registration form for completeness and signature/date



Important Election Dates in 2024

Tuesday November 5: General (Presidential) Election

- 27 August 21 October @ 5:00 pm: Absentee ballot request forms can be accepted
- 16 October: In-person early voting begins
- 16 October: First day absentee ballots are mailed out
- 21 October @ 5:00 pm: Pre-registration deadline (Inperson early voting and election day voter registration is still available after this deadline with an ID and proof of address)
- 21 October @ 5:00 pm: Deadline for submitting an absentee ballot request form
- 4 November: Last day of in-person early voting
- 5 November @ 8:00 pm: Absentee ballots must be <u>received</u> at the auditor's office by 8:00 pm on election day
- 5 November: Election Day; Polls open 7:00 am-8:00 pm



A reminder: ID Is Required to Vote in Iowa

• Acceptable Forms of ID in Iowa

- Iowa Driver's License
- Iowa Non-Operator ID
- U.S. Military ID or Veteran ID
- U.S. Passport
- Tribal ID Card/Document
- Iowa Voter Identification Card (signed) with the 4-digit PIN
- Other Photo ID that is current, valid, and contains an expiration date. If the photo ID does not contain your current address, you must also provide proof of residence (such as a lease/dorm contract, utility bill, bank statement – can be an electronic copy on your phone)

A voter without one of the above forms of ID can have their identity attested to by another registered voter in the precinct. The attesting voter must present his/her own required form of identification.



Recent Changes to Iowa Election Law

- Primary and general election polls close at 8:00 pm on election day.
- Absentee voting begins 20 days before the election.
- Mailed absentee ballot requests can be accepted beginning 70 days before the election.
- The first day County Auditors may mail absentee ballots is 20 days before the election.
- The first day to vote absentee in person at the Auditor's Office or satellite location is 20 days before the election.
- Satellite voting locations for early voting (locations other than the Auditor's office) must be petitioned with a minimum 100 signatures of eligible electors.
- Mailed absentee ballots must be <u>received</u> by 8:00 pm on election day.



Recent Changes to Iowa Election Law, cont.

- Deadline for absentee ballot request forms (ABRFs) and voter pre-registration is 15 days before the election at 5:00 pm
- ABRFs must include the date the request is signed
- ABRFs may not be sent by the County Auditors unless a voter requests one
- ABRFs may not be sent by the Secretary of State unless directed to do so by the State Legislature in the event of a public health disaster declared by the Governor
- ABRFs may be sent to voters by candidates, political groups, and other private organizations, but no fields on the ABRF may be prefilled except for the type and date of the election



Recent Changes to Iowa Election Law, cont.

- Absentee ballots may be returned via a designated ballot drop box which if available must be located on the grounds or in the building where the County Auditor does business – in this county at the Johnson County Administration Building (913 S Dubuque St, Iowa City)
- Only an immediate family member or someone who lives with the voter can return an absentee ballot on the voter's behalf (there is an exception for blind or otherwise disabled voters to use a "delivery agent" and there are specific requirements around this – contact your County Auditor for details if this is required)
- Inactive Voter Status: Voters who miss one general election (even year elections) are now placed on an Inactive Status. If they miss 2 general elections in a row, they may be removed from the voter rolls for the next general election. To become Active again, the Voter must respond to a mailing from the Auditor's Office notifying them they have been made Inactive, OR Vote in an election, OR Re-register to vote.



Encourage People to Be an Informed Voter

Good Sources for Information

- VOTE411.org
- VoteSmart.org
- FactCheck.org
- PolitiFact.org



- Iowa Secretary of State website <u>sos.iowa.gov</u>
 - Note: You can track your absentee ballot on this website
- Johnson County Auditor's website <u>https://www.johnsoncountyiowa.gov/auditor/elections</u>
 - Note: You can find your polling place and see your sample ballot on this website



Make a Voting Plan

- Encourage people to make a voting plan early and stick with it
 - If voting absentee by mail
 - Request your ballot early so it will be sent to you 20 days before the election
 - Follow the instructions carefully
 - Return you ballot promptly (mail or drop in the designated drop box) it must be received at the Auditor's office by 8:00 pm on election day
 - Track your absentee ballot at <u>sos.iowa.gov</u>
 - If voting early in person
 - Remember your ID
 - Check early voting locations it may be different than previous years
 - If voting in person on election day
 - Remember your ID
 - Verify your polling location
 - You can register at the polls on election day
 - Remember the polls close at 8:00 pm
 - If you are in line at 8:00 pm, you are allowed to vote



