VOTING – What Residents Need to Know

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Election Day – Tuesday, November 7th, 2023

Qualifications

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In order to register to vote, an individual must be a:

- 1. U.S. citizen.
- 2. Missouri resident; and
- 3. 17 years and 6 months of age (must be 18 by Election Day)

If an individual meets these requirements, they are entitled to register to vote. To be entitled to vote, a person:

- 1. Must be **registered** to vote in the county of the person's home / facility prior to the election;
- 2. Cannot be on probation or parole after conviction of a felony;
- 3. Cannot have been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor connected to voting; and
- 4. Cannot have been declared incapacitated

Voters are now required to have a valid government issued photo ID to vote.

Examples include Missouri driver license, Missouri non-driver license, U.S. Passport, or military ID.

If you do not have a non-expired ID here is what you need to know to obtain one for voting **☆purposes:**

Go to your local Missouri Department of Revenue license office or call (573) 526-8683 and

- Request a non-expired photo ID for voting purpose;
- Provide documents verifying:
 - Full legal name, date of birth, place of birth
 - For Missouri birth certificates, marriage certificates, and divorce decrees, call 573-751-6387 or email VitalRecordsInfo@health.mo.gov
 - Social Security Number (SSN)
 - Those who are simply renewing their ID, verbally providing their SSN is sufficient. *
 - Those who are applying for an ID for the first time must provide a document that shows their SSN such as a letter from social security, a W2 or social security card. 🖈
 - Those who are switching from a driver's license to a non-driver's license will need to provide a document as noted above with their social security number.
 - o Proof of Missouri residence and mailing address if different; and
- Sign a statement averring, under penalty or perjury, that you do not currently possess one of the other eligible documents for voting purposes.

 \Rightarrow **NOTE** - If you want to apply for a non-driver's license for voting purposes and you do not have the required ★ verification documents, the Missouri Secretary of State's office will help you obtain the documents you need ★ $\stackrel{\wedge}{\Rightarrow}$ at no cost to you. Just call the ShowIt2Vote Hotline toll-free at (866) 868-3245 or email $\stackrel{\wedge}{\Rightarrow}$

ShowIt2Vote@sos.mo.gov

^{**}Deadline to register to vote for November's elections is Wednesday, October 11th ** *********

★ If you are registered to vote but do not have a valid photo ID you may vote a provisional ballot at your ★ polling place.

☆There are two ways your vote counts:

- 1. If you come back to your polling place on Election Day and show a valid photo ID your vote counts.
- 2. If your signature matches the signature in the voter registry, your vote counts.

How do I register to vote?

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There are four different ways you can register to vote.

1. Call the Missouri Secretary of State's Office at 800-669-8683 and request an application to be mailed to you.

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- 2. Request an application online to be mailed. You can find the request here https://s1.sos.mo.gov/elections/goVoteMissouri/request
 - a. If you do choose to request an application by mail, you will receive your blank application form in 3-5 business days.
- 3. Submit online voter registration application at https://s1.sos.mo.gov/elections/voterregistration/
- 4. Print and mail your application. You can find the application here https://s1.sos.mo.gov/Elections/VoterRegistration/Home/Print
- 5. Register in Person at your County Clerk's office. You can find your local office by selecting your county on this page https://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/goVoteMissouri/pickupmail.

Voter registration applications are also available at a Department of Motor Vehicles office or at any state agency providing service to the public.

*Voter Registration Forms must be POSTMARKED by Wednesday, October 11th. *

You can register to vote without a valid ID, however a valid ID is required at the time of voting.

Accessible Voting

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Curbside Voting: Voters with limited mobility can vote "curbside" or outside the polling place.
 Just go to your polling place and ask someone to go in and ask poll workers to bring a ballot out
 ★ to you. They should bring you a ballot within a reasonable period of time.

Accessible Polling Places: If you have physical disabilities, and your polling place is not accessible, you may request a different polling place assignment so that you may vote in a more accessible polling place. You may also vote a central location. Simply contact your local election authority to make this request. You can find your local election authority here that https://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/govotemissouri/localelectionauthority or by calling (800) to 669-8683.

Accessible Voting Systems: Every polling place must have an accessible voting system for hindividuals with disabilities including audiovisual accessibility. Accessible systems include an had audio ballot to make your selections or the ability to enlarge text so that you can read the on-had screen ballot with ease.

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Permanent Absentee Voting: If you have a permanent physical disability, you may request to ★ be placed on a designated list so that your local election authority can automatically mail an ★ absentee ballot application directly to you prior to each election. You will need to make this ★ request directly to your local election authority who will send you further information. ★ Residents do not need to provide a reason or medical documentation for their disability.

Residents will sign attesting that they are homebound / in a long-term care facility.

Absentee Voting:

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During the two weeks prior to the election, you may vote no-excuse absentee ballot in person at a location designated by your local election authority. When voting an absentee ballot in person, you must show a valid ID. In person absentee voters are not eligible for a provisional ballot.

Absentee voters must provide one of the following reasons for voting absentee:

- Absence on Election Day from the jurisdiction of the election authority in which such voter is
 registered to vote;
- 2. Incapacity or confinement due to illness or physical disability on election day, including a person who is primarily responsible for the physical care of a person who is incapacitated or confined due to illness or disability and resides at the same address;
- 3. Employment as an election authority or by an election authority at a location at a location other ★ than such voter's polling place, a first responder, a health care worker, or a member of law ← enforcement.
- 4. Incarceration, provided all qualifications for voting are retained.
- 5. Certified participation in the address confidentiality program established under section 589.660 to 589.681 because of safety concerns.

Voters can request absentee ballots from their local election authority in person, by mail, by fax or by e-mail. Relatives within the second degree (spouse, parents and children) may complete an absentee ballot application, in person, on behalf of the voter who wishes to vote absentee. Do NOT send absentee ballot applications to the Secretary of State's office. Absentee ballots applications must be sent to the appropriate local election authority by the deadline in order to be valid. Contact information for local election authorities may be found at the link below.

- Local Election Authority
 - o https://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/govotemissouri/localelectionauthority

Mail in or faxed absentee ballot requests must be received by the election authority no later than the 5.00 p.m. Wednesday, October 26th. Voters can vote by absentee in the office of the local election authority until 5:00 p.m. the night before the election. ★

★Voters requesting an absentee ballot by mail who have registered by mail and have not voted in person ★
are required to submit a copy of their valid ID unless they provided a copy with their registration ★
application.

The ID requirement, as well as the notary requirement for absentee ballots, does not apply to those $\frac{1}{4}$ who are approved for the Permanent Absentee Voting, as noted above under the Accessible Voting $\frac{1}{4}$ section.



For more information call 800-309-3282

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