



QUICK FACTS



How do I register to vote?

To register to vote in California, you must be:

- A United States citizen and a resident of California;
- 18 years old or older on Election Day;
- Not currently in state or federal prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony; and
- Not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court.

If you are eligible, you can register to vote or update your registration online at registertovote.ca.gov. If you would like to fill out a physical form, voter registration applications can be found at post offices and libraries.

You must re-register to vote if you move, change your name or political party preference.

Can I pre-register to vote in California?

Yes, to pre-register to vote in California, you must:

- Be 16 or 17 years old; and
- Meet all of the other eligibility requirements to vote.

After pre-registering, you will automatically be registered to vote on your 18th birthday. Go to registertovote.ca.gov to pre-register to vote.

What if I need to check my voter registration status?

To check your voter registration status - including political party - you can use the "My Voter Status" tool at voterstatus.sos.ca.gov. You can also call our Voter Hotline at 1-800-345-VOTE (8683) for your status.

What if I miss the voter registration deadline?

If you miss the deadline to register to vote 15 days before an election, you still have an opportunity to register and vote. You can go to your county election office, vote center, or polling place on or before Election Day to complete the conditional voter registration process (often referred to as "Same Day Voter Registration"). You will have to fill out a voter registration card and a ballot. Once county elections officials complete the regular voter registration verification process, your ballot will be processed and your vote will be counted. Contact your county elections official for more information or visit vote.ca.gov.

How do I vote for president?

If you chose a political party when you registered to vote, you may only vote for your party's candidates for U.S. President in the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary. If you registered to vote with No Party Preference, you will have to request a primary election ballot with presidential candidates. Only some political parties allow No Party Preference voters to vote for their presidential candidates in a primary election. To learn more you can visit howtovoteforpresident.sos.ca.gov.

What if I need voter information in a different language?

Voter information is available in 10 languages. Visit www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-california.

When will I receive my ballot or voter guide?

Registered voters will receive, by mail, their non-partisan State Voter Information Guide from the Secretary of State's office a few weeks before Election Day. The State Voter Information Guide will also be available online at voterguide.sos.ca.gov. County elections offices will also mail a county voter



information guide to voters. Voter guides will include information about ballot measures, candidates, voting rights and more.

Can I vote by mail?

Any registered voter can vote by mail in California. You can register to vote by mail by:

- Re-registering to vote at registertovote.ca.gov;
- Filling out the vote-by-mail ballot application in your county Voter Information Guide;
- Going to www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/vote-mail/; or
- Contacting your county elections office.

Your completed application must arrive at your county elections office at least seven days before Election Day.

How early can I vote?

Your county may offer early voting locations before Election Day. For a list go to caearlyvoting.sos.ca.gov. Any registered voter can go to a county elections office in person to request and receive a vote-by-mail ballot. Vote-by-mail ballots are available 29 days prior to each Election Day. To ensure your vote-by-mail ballot is counted, it must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received by your county election office no later than three days after Election Day.

What is the Voter's Choice Act?

This modernized election model makes voting easier by sending every registered voter their ballot by mail and then giving them the option to return their ballot by mail, to any ballot drop box in the county, or at any vote center in the county convenient to them for at least 11 days up to and including Election Day. To find out if your county will use the Voter's Choice Act in 2020 you can visit voterschoice.sos.ca.gov.

How do I find my polling place or vote center?

- Check the back of your county voter information guide for your polling place, vote centers, or ballot drop-off locations
- Contact your county elections office
- Call the Secretary of State's Voter Hotline - 1-800-345-VOTE (8683) or visit voterstatus.sos.ca.gov
- Text 'VOTE' to 'GOVOTE' (468-683)



**TO FIND YOUR POLLING PLACE
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Do I have the right to vote if my name is not on the voter list at the polling place?

Even if your name is not on the voter rolls at your polling place, you have the right to cast a provisional ballot. If you are not registered or need to update your voter registration, you can complete the "Same Day Voter Registration" process at the polling place. Your provisional ballot will be counted once the county elections official has confirmed that you are a registered voter and you did not already vote in that election. You can find out if your provisional ballot was counted and, if it was not counted, the reason why at voterstatus.sos.ca.gov.

Can I track the status of my ballot once I vote?

Yes! You can go to "My Voter Status" to track the status of your ballot at voterstatus.sos.ca.gov.

Is my vote secure?

Yes, California exceeds Federal requirements for election security. Every vote must be cast on a paper ballot or have a voter verified paper audit trail. Voting equipment used to cast and count ballots must be certified for use in California and kept offline. Elections officials conduct post-election audits, including a manual tally of a sample of ballots, after every election to ensure the accuracy and integrity of the vote count. Voters can find official, trusted election information as well as learn more about our election security safeguards, and cybersecurity efforts at vote.ca.gov.

How can I get up-to-the minute election results?

- Statewide election vote counts can be found at electionresults.sos.ca.gov
- Follow us on Twitter @CASOSvote
- Sign up for E-updates at <https://goo.gl/BB7zb4>

MARCH 3 | PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

Register to Vote.....	Feb 18
Conditional Voter Registration.....	Feb 19-Mar 3
Request a vote-by-mail ballot.....	Feb 25
Return vote-by-mail ballot.....	Mar 3

NOVEMBER 3 | GENERAL ELECTION

Register to Vote.....	Oct 19
Conditional Voter Registration.....	Oct 20-Nov 3
Request a vote-by-mail ballot.....	Oct 27
Return vote-by-mail ballot.....	Nov 3

***Polls are open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM on Election Day**