

**Table 6.6**  
**VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

<i>State or other jurisdiction</i>	<i>Closing date for registration before general election (days)</i>	<i>Same-day registration</i>	<i>Online registration</i>	<i>Residency requirements (a)</i>	<i>Registration in other places prohibited (b)</i>	<i>Provision regarding mental competency</i>
Alabama.....	10	...	...	S, 1 day	★	★
Alaska.....	30	...	...	S, D, 30	★	★
Arizona.....	29	...	★	S, C, 29	★	★
Arkansas.....	30	...	...	S, 30	★	★
California.....	15	★(c)	★	S	...	★
Colorado.....	22 by mail, 8 online, Election Day in person	★	★	S, 22	★	...
Connecticut.....	14 by mail, 7 in person, Election Day	★	★	S, T	★	★
Delaware.....	24	...	★	S	★	★
Florida.....	29	...	...	S, C	...	★
Georgia.....	30	...	★	S, C	...	★
Hawaii.....	30	★(d)	★(e)	S	★	★
Idaho.....	25 or Election Day	★	...	S, C, 30	...	...
Illinois.....	28 (f)	...	★(e)	S, P, 30	★	...
Indiana.....	29	...	★	S, P, 30	...	...
Iowa.....	10 or Election Day	★	...	S	★	★
Kansas.....	21	...	★	S	★	★
Kentucky.....	29	...	...	S, P, 28	★	★
Louisiana.....	30	...	★	S, C, P, 30	★	★
Maine.....	21 by mail, up to Election Day in person	★(g)	...	S, M	★	★
Maryland.....	21 (h)	(h)	★	S, 21	★	★
Massachusetts.....	20	...	★(e)	S	...	★
Michigan.....	30	...	...	S, M, 30	★	...
Minnesota.....	21 or Election Day	★	★	S, 20	...	★
Mississippi.....	30	...	...	S, C, 30	★	★
Missouri.....	28	...	★	S	...	★
Montana.....	30 by mail or up to Election Day in person	★	...	S, 30	★	★
Nebraska.....	17 by mail, 10 in person	...	★(e)	S	★	★
Nevada.....	30 by mail, online, or at the DMV; 20 in person	...	★	S, C, 30; P, 10	★	★
New Hampshire.....	10 or Election Day	★	...	S	★	...
New Jersey.....	21	...	...	S, C, 30	★	...
New Mexico.....	28	...	(i)	S	...	★
New York.....	Postmarked 25, received 20	...	★	S, C, 30	★	★
North Carolina.....	25 (j)	(j)	...	S, C, 30	★	...
North Dakota.....	(k)	(k)	(k)	S, P, 30	(k)	...
Ohio.....	30 (l)	(l)	(i)	S, 30	★	★
Oklahoma.....	24	...	...	S	...	★
Oregon.....	21	...	★	S	★	★
Pennsylvania.....	30	...	...	S, D, 30	★	...
Rhode Island.....	30 (m)	★(m)	...	S, C	★	★
South Carolina.....	30	...	★	S, C, P	★	★
South Dakota.....	15	...	...	S	★	★
Tennessee.....	30	...	...	S	★	★
Texas.....	30	...	...	S, C	...	★
Utah.....	Postmarked 8, 15 in person, 7 online (n)	...	★	S, 30	★	★
Vermont.....	6	...	...	S, C	...	...
Virginia.....	22	...	★	S	★	★
Washington.....	30 by mail, 8 in person	...	★	S, 30	★	★
West Virginia.....	21	...	★(e)	S, C, 30	★	★
Wisconsin.....	20 by mail, 4 in person, or Election Day	★	...	S, P, 28	...	★
Wyoming.....	14 or Election Day	★	...	S, P	★	★
Dist. of Columbia.....	30 by mail, 15 in person, Election Day	★	...	D, 30	★	★
American Samoa.....	30	...	...	D, T	★	...
Guam.....	10	...	...	T	★	★
No. Mariana Islands.....	60	...	...	T, 120	★	★
Puerto Rico.....	50	...	...	T (o)	...	★
U.S. Virgin Islands.....	30	...	...	T, P, 90	★	★

See footnotes at end of table.

## ELECTIONS

### VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION — Continued

*Source:* The Council of State Governments' survey of state election websites, May 2014.

*Note:* Previous editions of this chart contained a column for "Automatic cancellation of registration for failure to vote for \_\_\_ years". However, the National Voter Registration Act requires a confirmation notice prior to any cancellation and thus effectively bans any automatic cancellation of voter registration. In addition, all states and territories except Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands allow mail-in registration.

**Key:**

★ — Provision exists.

... — No state provision.

(a) Key for residency requirements: S—State, C—County, D—District, M—Municipality, P—Precinct, T—Town. Numbers represent the number of days before an election for which one must be a resident.

(b) State provision prohibiting registration or claiming the right to vote in another state or jurisdiction.

(c) California's same-day registration will take effect on January 1 of the year following the year in which the secretary of state certifies that the state has a statewide voter registration database that complies with the requirements of the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002, (no sooner than January 2014). Secretary of State Debra Bowen said in February 2014 that the state will not meet the legal requirements to implement the law until 2016 or later.

(d) In 2014 Hawaii lawmakers passed legislation (HB 2590) to allow voters to register at early voting sites beginning in 2016 or at their assigned polling places on Election Day starting in 2018.

(e) Not yet implemented: Hawaii, passed in 2012; Illinois, passed in 2013; Massachusetts, passed in 2014; Nebraska, passed in 2014; West Virginia, passed in 2013.

(f) Registration closes 28 days before a general election. Illinois also has a "grace period" registration that extends registration from the normal close of registration up through the 3rd day before the election.

Once registered, this voter may cast a ballot during this "grace period" at the election authority's office or at a location specifically designated for this purpose by the election authority, or by mail, at the discretion of the election authority.

(g) In 2011, the Maine Legislature passed a bill to end same-day voting registration, cutting registration off two days before an election. However, the law was overturned in November 2011 after opponents gathered enough petition signatures to place the bill up for a "people's veto."

(h) Beginning January 1, 2016, Maryland voters will be able to register and vote on the same day at early voting locations, but not on Election Day.

(i) In New Mexico and Ohio, a registered voter can update an existing registration record online, but new applications must still be made on paper.

(j) Starting in 2014, North Carolina voters will no longer be allowed to register and vote on the same day at early voting locations. Registered voters may still update their name and address on their voter registration at an Early Voting site.

(k) No voter registration.

(l) In 2014, the Ohio Legislature passed a bill that eliminates the ability of voters to register during the six early voting days referred to as "Golden Week," when people could both register to vote and cast an in-person absentee ballot.

(m) Election-day registration is available, but voters who do so can vote only for the offices of president and vice president, not in state or local races.

(n) Must be postmarked 30 days before an election. Voters can register in person up to 8 days before the election, and may register online up to 7 days before the election. However, these voters will not be eligible to participate in early voting, and must vote on Election Day.

(o) According to Electoral Law the voter must have a permanent residence in Puerto Rico to be a qualified elector.