

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>Automatic registration (a)</i>	<i>Residency requirements (b)</i>	<i>Registration in other places prohibited (c)</i>	<i>Provision regarding mental competency</i>
Alabama.....	14	...	★		S	★	★
Alaska.....	30	(d)	★		S,D,30	★	★
Arizona.....	29	...	★		S,C,29	...	★
Arkansas.....	30	...	...		S,30	...	★
California.....	15	★(c)	★	★	S	...	★
Colorado.....	22 days through voter registration drive, 8 online or by mail, Election Day in person	★	★		S,22	★	...
Connecticut.....	14 by mail, 7 in person, Election Day	★	★		S,T	★	★
Delaware.....	24	...	★		S	★	★
Florida.....	29	...	★(f)		S	...	★
Georgia.....	28	...	★		S,C	...	★
Hawaii.....	30	★(g)	★		S	...	★
Idaho.....	25 or Election Day	★	★(f)		S,C,30	...	...
Illinois.....	27 (h)	★	★		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, Parish, 30	...	...
Maine.....	21 by mail, up to Election Day in person	★	...		S, M	...	...
Maryland.....	21 by mail, early voting period in person	★(f)	★		S, 21	...	...
Massachusetts.....	20	...	★		S	...	...
Michigan.....	30	...	(f)		S, M, 30	...	...
Minnesota.....	21 or Election Day	★	★		S, 20	...	...
Mississippi.....	30	...	(k)		S, T, 30	...	...
Missouri.....	28	...	★		S	...	...
Montana.....	30 by mail or up to Election Day in person	★	...		S, 30	...	...
Nebraska.....	17 by mail, 10 in person	...	...		S	...	...
Nevada.....	31 by mail, 21 in person or online	...	★		S, C, 30; P, 10	...	...
New Hampshire.....	10 or Election Day	...	...		S	...	...
New Jersey.....	21	...	...		S, C, 30	...	...
New Mexico.....	28	...	(k)		S	...	...
New York.....	25	...	★		S, P, 30	...	...
North Carolina.....	25 (l)	(l)	...		S, C, 30	...	...
North Dakota.....	(m)	(m)	(m)		S, P, 30	(m)	...
Ohio.....	30 (n)	(n)	(k)		S, 30	(★)	...
Oklahoma.....	24	...	★(f)		S	...	...
Oregon.....	21	...	★	★	S	...	...
Pennsylvania.....	30	...	★		S, D, 30	...	...
Rhode Island.....	30	...	★(f)		S, T	...	...
South Carolina.....	30	...	★		S, C, P	...	...

See footnotes at end of table.

VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION — Continued

State or other jurisdiction	Closing date for registration before general election (days)	Same-day registration	Online registration	Automatic registration (a)	Residency requirements (b)	Registration in other places prohibited (c)	Provision regarding mental competency
South Dakota.....	15	...	...		S	★	★
Tennessee.....	30	...	★(f)		S	★	★
Texas.....	30	...	...		S, C	...	★
Utah.....	30 by mail, 7 in person or online (c)	...	★		S, 30	★	★
Vermont.....	6	★(p)	★	★	S, T	...	...
Virginia.....	22	...	★		S	★	★
Washington.....	30 by mail, 8 in person	...	★		S, 30	★	★
West Virginia.....	21	...	...	★	S, T, 30	★	★
Wisconsin.....	20 by mail, 4 in person, or Election Day	★	★(f)		S, P, 28	...	★
Wyoming.....	14 or Election Day	★	...		S, P	★	★
Dist. of Columbia	30 by mail, Election Day in person	★	★		D, 30	★	★
American Samoa	30	...	...		D	★	...
Guam.....	10	...	...		Territory, 120	★	★
No. Mariana Islands	60	...	...		Territory (q)	★	★
Puerto Rico.....	50	...	...		Territory, P, 90	...	★
U.S. Virgin Islands.....	30	...	...			★	★

Source: The Council of State Governments survey of state election websites, May 2016.

Key:

★ — Provision exists.

... — No state provision.

(a) Eligible citizens who interact with government agencies are automatically registered to vote unless they decline.

(b) 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.

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

(d) Election-day registration is available in presidential election years, but voters who do so can vote only for the offices of President and Vice President, not in state or local races.

(e) 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.

(f) Not yet implemented; Florida, passed in 2015 and must be implemented by October 2017; Idaho, passed in 2016 and effective January 1, 2017; Oklahoma, passed in 2015; Rhode Island, passed in 2016 and effective July 1, 2017; and Wisconsin, passed in 2016 and must be in place before the November elections; Tennessee, passed in 2016 and effective July 1, 2017; and Wisconsin, passed in 2016 and must be in place before the Spring 2017 primary.

(g) 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.

(h) Registration closes 27 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 elec-

tion. 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.

(i) As of January 1, 2016, Maryland voters are able to register and vote on the same day at early voting locations, but not on Election Day.

(j) An online system allows voters to change their address for both their drivers license and voter registration at the same time. Michigan law requires that the same address be on record for both.

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

(l) In 2014, the North Carolina legislature eliminated voters' ability 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.

(m) No voter registration.

(n) In 2014, the Ohio Legislature passed a bill that eliminated 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.

(o) Must be postmarked 30 days before an election. Voters can register in-person or 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.

(p) The Vermont Legislature passed a bill (SB 29) in 2015 to allow for same-day voter registration, effective January 1, 2017.

(q) Voters must have a permanent residence in Puerto Rico to be a qualified elector.