

**Table 6.6
VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

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Alabama	10	No	B,D,O,PT	5 p.m. day before election	N or W	S, 1 day	★	★	●	★
Alaska	30	Yes	No excuse required	8 p.m. Election Day	N or 1 W	S, D, 30	★	★	★	★
Arizona	29	Yes	No excuse required	7 p.m. Election Day	...	S, C, 29	★	★	●	★
Arkansas.....	30	Yes	No excuse required	7:30 p.m. Election Day	...	C, 30	★	★	★	★
California.....	15	Yes	No excuse required	8 p.m. Election Day	...	S	...	★	★	★
Colorado.....	29	Yes	No excuse required	7 p.m. Election Day	...	S, P, 30	★	★	★	...
Connecticut.....	(b)(f)	No	A	8 p.m. Election Day	...	S, T	★	★	★	...
Delaware.....	20	No	A	8 p.m. Election Day	N	S	★	★	●	★
Florida.....	29	Yes	No excuse required	7 p.m. Election Day	W	S, C, 29	...	★	●	★
Georgia.....	30 (g)	Yes	No excuse required	Close of polls (h)	...	S, C	...	★	★	★
Hawaii.....	30	Yes	No excuse required	6 p.m. Election Day	...	S	★	★	★(i)	★
Idaho.....	25	Yes	No excuse required	8 p.m. Election Day	...	S, C, 30	...	★	★	...
Illinois.....	28 (j)	Yes	No excuse required	Close of polls on Election Day (k)	...	S, P, 30	★	★	★	...
Indiana.....	29	Yes	A	Close of polls	...	S, P, 30	...	★	★	...
Iowa.....	Election Day (l)	Yes	No excuse required	Postmarked by election day (m)	...	S (n)	★	★	★	★
Kansas.....	15	Yes	No excuse required	Close of polls	...	S	★	★	★	★
Kentucky.....	29		A	Close of polls	...	S, C, 28	★	★	...	★
Louisiana.....	30	Yes	A	Election Day	N and 2W	S, 30 (o)	★	★	★	★
Maine.....	Election Day	Yes	No excuse required	8 p.m. Election Day	N or W	S, M	★	★
Maryland.....	21	Yes	No excuse required	Friday after election	...	S, 21 (p)	★	★	★	★
Massachusetts.....	20	No	B,D,O,P,R,T	10 days after election	...	S	...	★	★	★
Michigan.....	30	No	B,C,D,O,R,T	(q)	...	S, M, 30	★	★(r)	★	...
Minnesota.....	Election Day (l)	No	B,D,O,P,R,T	Election Day	N or 1W	S, 20	...	★	★	★
Mississippi.....	30	No	A	5 p.m. day before election	W	S, C, 30	★	★	●	★
Missouri.....	28	No	A	Close of polls	N	S	...	★	★	★
Montana.....	30	Yes	No excuse required	Close of polls	...	S, C, 30	★	★	★	★
Nebraska.....	(s)	Yes	No excuse required	10 a.m. 2 days after election	W	S	★	★	★	★
Nevada.....	(t)	Yes	No excuse required	Close of polls	...	S, C, 30; P, 10 (u)	★	★	●	★
New Hampshire.....	Election Day (l)	No	B, D, E, O, R, S, T	(v)	...	S	★	★	★	...
New Jersey.....	21	No	No excuse required	8 p.m. Election Day	W or N	S, C, 30	★	★	★	...
New Mexico.....	28	Yes	No excuse required	7 p.m. Election Day	...	S	...	★	★	★
New York.....	25	No	A	Postmarked day before election (h)	W	S, C, 30	★	★	★	★
North Carolina.....	25	Yes	No excuse required	5 p.m. day before election	...	S, C, 30	★	★	★	...
North Dakota.....	(w)	Yes	No excuse required	2 days after election	N or W	S, P, 30	...	★	★	...
Ohio.....	30	Yes	No excuse required	Close of polls (x)	...	S, 30	★	★	★	★
Oklahoma.....	25	Yes	No excuse required	7 p.m. Election Day	N or W	S	...	★	★	★
Oregon.....	21	No	No excuse required	8 p.m. Election Day	...	S, 20	★	★	★	★
Pennsylvania.....	30	No	B,C,D, O, P, R, S, T	5 p.m. Friday before election	...	S, D, 30	★	★	★	...
Rhode Island.....	30	No	B,D,O,R,S	21 days	N or 2W	S, 30	★	★	...	★
South Carolina.....	30	No	A	7 p.m. Election Day	N or 1W	S, C, P, 30	★	★	★	★

See footnotes at end of table.

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South Dakota.....	15	Yes	No excuse required (y)	Close of polls	(z)	(aa)	★	★	★	★
Tennessee.....	30	Yes	A	Close of polls	W (h)	S	★	★	●	★
Texas.....	30	Yes	A	Before close of polls	(bb)	S, C	...	★	★	★
Utah.....	(cc)	Yes	No excuse required	Noon on day of canvass	...	S, 30	★	★	★	★
Vermont.....	6 (dd)	Yes	No excuse required	7 p.m. Election Day	...	S, C
Virginia.....	29	No	A	Close of polls	1W	S	★	★	...	★
Washington.....	(ee)	No	No excuse required (ff)	(gg)	...	S, 30	★	★	★	★
West Virginia.....	21	Yes	A	6 days prior to election	...	(hh)	★	★	...	★
Wisconsin.....	Election Day (l)	Yes	No excuse required	Close of polls	W	S, 10	...	★	★	★
Wyoming.....	Election Day (l)	Yes	No excuse required	7 p.m. Election Day	...	S, P	...	★	●	★
Dist. of Columbia...	30	No	A	10 days after election	...	D, 30	★	★	★	★
American Samoa...	30	N.A.	A	1:30 p.m. Election Day	...	S, 30	★	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Guam.....	10	No	A	N.A.	N.A.	S	★	★	N.A.	★
No. Mariana Islands		50	No	B, D, E, O, R, S, T	14 days after election	N (ii)	(jj)	★	★	N.A. ★
Puerto Rico.....	40 or 60	N.A.	A	30 or 45 days after election	N.A.	S (kk)	N.A.	★
U.S. Virgin Islands..	30	No	A	14 days before election	Affidavit	(ll)	★	★	★	★

Sources: The Council of State Governments survey of state election Web sites, March 2010.
 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.
 ●—Limited voting restoration.
 N.A.—Information not available at press time.
 (a) Column 2: Early voting is usually done in person on the same equipment as that used on election day. An excuse is not required.
 (b) Persons eligible for absentee voting: A - All of these; B—Absent on business; C—Senior citizen; D—Disabled persons; E—Not absent, but prevented by employment from registering; M/O—No absentee registration except military and oversees citizens as required by federal law; O—Out of state; P—Out of precinct (or municipality in PA); R—Absent for religious reasons; S—Students; T—Temporarily out of jurisdiction.
 (c) Absentee votes must be signed by, N - Notary or W - Witness. Numbers indicated the number of signatures required.
 (d) 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.
 (e) State provision prohibiting registration or claiming the right to vote in another state or jurisdiction.
 (f) For primary, must be postmarked five days before election or registration may be completed in person by noon on the last business day before election. For general, must be postmarked 14 days before election or registration may be completed in person by the seventh day before election.
 (g) The 5th Monday before a general primary, general election, or presidential preference primary; the 5th day after the date of the call for all other special primaries and special elections.
 (h) The request deadline is 6 days before the election, to be mailed the next day, the receipt deadline is before canvass with election day postmark, the day after the election with no post mark, and before canvass for military and oversees regardless of post mark.

- (i) Upon parole, pardon, or probation, felons are required to re-register to voter to restore lost voting rights.
 (j) Closing date for registration before general election is 28 days before. Illinois now has grace period registration which allows for registration of voters and change of address during a period from close of registration for a primary or election and until 14th day before the primary or election. If a voter who registers during this time period wishes to vote at that first election occurring after grace period, he/she must do so by grace period voting (at the discretion of the election authority a grace period registrant may vote by mail).
 (k) Except that mailed absentee ballots which are postmarked prior to election may be received up to the 14th day after election day.
 (l) Iowa—Delivered by 5 p.m. 10 days before the election, if it is a state primary or general election; 11 days before all others or election-day registration at precincts. Minnesota—delivered 21 days before an election or election-day registration at polling precincts. New Hampshire—Received by city or town clerk 10 days before election or election-day registration at precincts. Wisconsin—Twenty days before the election, or completed in the local voter registration office by 5 p.m. one day before election, or election-day registration at polling precincts. Wyoming—delivered 30 days before or election-day registration at polling precincts.
 (m) An absentee ballot must be returned before the polls are closed on election day; or if the ballot is mailed, the envelope must be postmarked before election day. Timely postmarked ballots are considered on time if the ballot is received before noon on Monday following the election day. However, if the canvass of votes for the election is required by law to be held earlier, the ballot must be received by the time set for the canvass of votes. The canvass of votes for the school election and some city election will be held on Thursday or Friday after the election.
 (n) Iowa does not have a residency length of time requirement, it does require that a person be a resident when registering to vote. One must be registered at least 10 days before a primary and general elections; 11 days before all others.
 (o) A voter must be registered to vote 30 days before an election, and must be a resident in order to register.
 (p) State election law does not apply to Municipal elections. Therefore each municipality may have a separate requirement.
 (q) If a voter wishes to have a ballot mailed, clerk must receive written request by 2 p.m. on the Saturday prior to the election. Voters can obtain an absentee ballot in person anytime through 4 p.m. on the day prior to the election. If the voter qualifies for an emergency ballot, request can be submitted through 4 p.m. on the date of the election.

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- (r) Only while confined, automatic restoration after release.
- (s) Received by the 2nd Friday before election or postmarked by the 3rd Friday before the election.
- (t) By mail, 30 days before election; In person 20 days before election.
- (u) Must have continuously resided in the state and county at least 30 days and in precinct at least 10 days before election. Must claim no other place as legal residence.
- (v) In person: day before election. By mail: day of election.
- (w) No voter registration.
- (x) Voted ballots on in-country electors must be received by close of polls; voted ballots returned from outside the United States must be received within 10 days of election day.
- (y) No excuse required. In South Dakota must submit the application for absentee ballot to the person in charge of the election.
- (z) Absentee ballot applications (not absentee ballots) are required to be notarized or submitted with a copy of the voter's photo identification.
- (aa) Municipality: at least thirty days during the year preceding the election. Town: thirty consecutive days each year.
- (bb) If unable to sign.
- (cc) Must be postmarked 30 days before an election if mailed. May register in person the 15th day before an election, but you will only be eligible to vote on elections.
- (dd) Must be received by 5 p.m. on the Wednesday preceding the day of the election.
- (ee) Thirty days before the election if mailed or 15 days before the election if delivered in-person to the local voter registration office.
- (ff) There is a late registration date, 15 days prior, for in person new registrations and the voter must vote an absentee ballot.
- (gg) Ballots must be postmarked on or before Election Day.
- (hh) A voter must be a resident for 30 days prior to the election. West Virginia poll books for each election require that the voters acknowledge that their address is current and that they have been at that location for thirty days prior to the election.
- (ii) Notary public or commissioned officer authorized to administer oath for Armed Services personnel.
- (jj) State/territory: one hundred twenty days, district, municipality, precinct: fifty days.
- (kk) According to Electoral Law the voter must have a permanent residence in Puerto Rico to be a qualified elector.
- (ll) 90 days residency requirement, 30 days for district.