

Important Dates



FIRST DAY TO APPLY FOR A BALLOT BY MAIL USING APPLICATION FOR A BALLOT BY MAIL (ABBM) OR FEDERAL POST CARD APPLICATION (FPCA).
SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023

FIRST DAY OF EARLY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE
MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2023

LAST DAY TO APPLY FOR BALLOT BY MAIL
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2023

LAST DAY OF EARLY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2023

ELECTION DAY
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023 7:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.

LAST DAY FOR BALLOT BY MAIL TO BE TURNED IN
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023 (ELECTION DAY) AT 7:00 P.M.

LAST DAY TO “CURE” A PROVISIONAL BALLOT
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2023

APPLYING TO VOTE BY MAIL

You may apply for a ballot by mail, if you are registered to vote and meet one of the following criteria:

- Age 65 or older by Election Day
- Will be outside Harris County for ALL of the Early Voting period and on Election Day
- Are confined in jail or Involuntary Civil Commitment but otherwise eligible to vote
- Have a disability, sickness, or physical condition that prevents appearing in person without the likelihood of needing personal assistance or of injuring your health
- Are expecting to give birth within three weeks before or after Election Day

4 SIMPLE STEPS TO VIEW YOUR SPECIFIC BALLOT ONLINE

1. Go to harrisvotes.com.
2. Click on Sample Ballot.
3. Enter your name, your address or your Voter Registration Certificate Number.
4. Make sure your personal information is correct, then click on “Sample Ballot” to view your ballot just as it will look when you go to vote.

Voter ID: What to take to the polls

You may use one of seven forms of photo ID listed below.

Texas Driver License



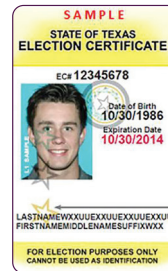
Texas Personal Identification Card issued by the DPS



Texas Handgun License issued by DPS



Texas Election Identification Certificate



US Military Identification card containing the person's photograph



US Passport (book or card)



US Citizenship Certificate containing the person's photograph



Note:

- IDs may have expired up to four years.
- Persons 70 years or older may use an expired ID, regardless of expiration date.
- ID address does not have to match the voter registration address.
- The name on the photo ID should match the voter registration card or be “substantially similar.” If the names don’t match exactly but are substantially similar, the voter will initial a box for a similar name when signing in to vote.

Registered voters without photo ID, who cannot reasonably obtain one, may sign a form and present the original or a copy of one of the following documents with the voters name and address to vote a regular ballot:

- Texas voter registration card
- Current utility bill
- Government check
- Any other government document such as an out of state driver's license or expired Texas driver's license
- Certified birth certificate
- Bank statement
- Paycheck

The form to be filled out by registered voters without a photo ID is a “Voter’s Declaration of Reasonable Impediment or Difficulty.” The voter must mark on the form one of the following reasons for not providing a photo ID:

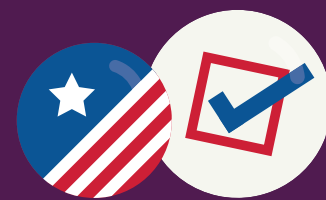
- Lack of transportation
- Disability or illness
- Work schedule
- Lack of birth certificate or other documents needed to obtain an acceptable form of photo ID
- Family responsibilities
- Lost or stolen identification
- Acceptable form of photo ID applied for but not received

Voter Harassment

- Election officials cannot question a voter about the use of an ID type.
- Poll watchers may never question a voter about Voter ID issues.
- Call the Election Protection Hotline, 1.866.OUR VOTE (687.8683), if you encounter issues.



VOTER FYI



RELIABLE, NON-PARTISAN ELECTION INFORMATION
VISIT US AT LWVHOUSTON.ORG

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How Do I Register to Vote?



Every citizen who wants to vote must be registered in his or her county of residence. Registration is permanent. You do not need to register before every election, but you should notify the Voter Registrar if you change your name or address or have not voted in the last four years. The deadline for registering to vote in the November 7 Election is October 10, 2023.

5 QUALIFICATIONS TO REGISTER TO VOTE:

- ✓ You are an American citizen and
- ✓ You are at least 17 years, 10 months of age (you must be 18 to vote) and
- ✓ You are a resident of Harris County and
- ✓ You have not been declared mentally incapacitated without the right to vote by a court and
- ✓ You have not been convicted of a felony. If you have been convicted of a felony, you can vote if you have completed all terms of your sentence or have been pardoned.

Voter registration applications are available at many state agencies, at libraries and community centers, or by calling 713.755.6965. You may also download and print an application at [HarrisVotes.com](https://www.harrisvotes.com). The application must be delivered in person to a voter registrar or mailed.



**November
Election Information
You Need**
[LWVHouston.org](https://www.lwvhouston.org)

For information about May 6, 2023 Local Elections go to [HarrisVotes.com](https://www.harrisvotes.com)

Be a Texas Voter: Ways to Vote

The League of Women Voters fights for the freedom of ALL to vote. Below are the ways to exercise your right to vote. Whichever way you choose to vote, be sure to first check your voter registration status at [HarrisVotes.com](https://www.harrisvotes.com). You must be registered before you can vote!

» VOTE BY MAIL

If you applied to vote by mail . . .

- Ballots are mailed out 30 to 45 days before an election or 7 days after the county election office receives an application.
- Be sure to:
 - Mark your ballot using a black or blue pen;
 - Place your ballot in the ballot envelope and seal it;
 - Place the ballot envelope in the carrier envelope;
 - Complete all information on the carrier envelope, seal it, and sign the flap of the carrier envelope;
 - Pay attention to the **voter ID requirements**.
- Mail in your ballot as soon as possible. It must be received by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.
- New: Track your ballot online at [HarrisVotes.com](https://www.harrisvotes.com).

If you want to hand deliver your vote by mail ballot . . .

- You may hand deliver your marked ballot in person to the county election office on Election Day while polls are open.
- You must show your photo ID when delivering the ballot, and sign a form.

» VOTE EARLY IN PERSON

- You may vote early at any voting location in Harris County.
- Find polling places at [VOTE411.org](https://www.vote411.org) or on [HarrisVotes.com](https://www.harrisvotes.com).
- If you have a disability, you may request to move ahead of other voters in line.
- If in line before the poll closing time, you must be allowed to cast a ballot.

» VOTE ON ELECTION DAY

- You may vote at any voting location in Harris County.
- Find polling places at [VOTE411.org](https://www.vote411.org) or on [HarrisVotes.com](https://www.harrisvotes.com).
- If in line before the poll closing time, you must be allowed to cast a ballot.

» VOTE IN PERSON USING CURBSIDE VOTING

If you are physically unable to enter the polling place without personal assistance or likelihood of injuring your health, you may ask that an election officer bring a ballot to your car.

- After you mark your ballot, give it to the election officer or hand it to a companion to deposit in the ballot box for you.

» VOTE EVEN IF YOU ARE A SUSPENDED VOTER

You can still vote if your voter registration is in suspense! "Suspense" means that your county voter registrar needs to confirm your voting address.

» VOTE A LIMITED BALLOT IF YOU HAVE MOVED BUT NOT RE-REGISTERED

If you have moved to a new county and have not re-registered in the new county by the registration deadline, you may be eligible to vote a limited ballot in your new county. A limited ballot is one that allows you to vote on candidates and measures that are on the ballot for both your former county and your new county, such as statewide and national races.



Did You Know?

HOMELESS DOES NOT MEAN VOTELESS

- Persons experiencing homelessness can register and vote in Texas, as long as they meet the five qualifications that apply to everyone.
- People who regularly stay at a shelter can give that shelter's address on their voter registration form.
- Your mailing address does not have to be the same as the residence address. The registrant can use any address where they are able to pick up mail. A post office box, shelter, helping agency, church or a friend or relative's address are all suitable.
- One of the forms of photo ID (or one of the acceptable alternative forms of identification) must be presented in order to vote.

PREVIOUSLY CONVICTED? OFF PAPER? YOU CAN VOTE

- In the state of Texas, your right to vote is restored immediately upon completion of your sentence, including parole and probation, in addition to any fines/costs, or restitution. You must be "off paper," and meet the five qualifications that apply to all voters.
- To restore your right to vote, you have to register to vote by the election deadline! If you were registered to vote before the felony conviction, you will have to register again.
- As long as they are not on parole or probation and do not have any fines related to another offense, registered voters who are confined in county jail may vote. They may request a Ballot by Mail be sent to the jail if they expect to be there when elections are held or, if there is a polling location at the jail, they may vote in person.

STUDENTS WHO ATTEND COLLEGE OUTSIDE OF HARRIS COUNTY CAN VOTE

- Students who are registered to vote at their family's address have two options:
 - Return home to vote on Election Day or during the Early Voting period (there are weekend hours for Early Voting)
 - Vote by mail, if your school address is outside Harris County, by requesting and returning a Ballot by Mail.
 - Students may also register to vote where they attend school, then you will follow the local election guidelines and calendar to vote. (For students attending school outside of Texas: You will be subject to the laws and regulations of the state where you are in school. Check that state's Office of the Secretary of State or the local voter registrar for more information.)
- Helpful Hint:** If you register to vote where you attend school, check the county voter registrar's website to confirm that your registration application has been processed and you are in the database of registered voters.

MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY AND AMERICANS LIVING OVERSEAS CAN VOTE

- Harris County registered voters who are temporarily out of the country and wish to vote may complete the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) online. This type of application is limited to:
 - A member of the U.S. Armed Forces, their spouse or a dependent;
 - A member of the U.S. Merchant Marines, their spouse or a dependent;
 - A U.S. citizen domiciled in Harris County, Texas, but temporarily living outside the territorial limits of the United States.

Please go to: [HarrisVotes.com](https://www.harrisvotes.com) or call 713.755.6965 for more detailed information.