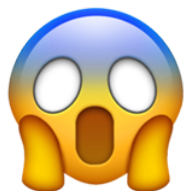


HELP I WANT TO VOTE



You have questions – We have answers

Will I be able to vote as I usually do at my regular polling place?

Yes, as long as you have not previously voted by mail or during early voting.

Has my polling place changed? How can I find out? How can I find out if I am still registered?

The Essential Voter Information page on this website has a link to the complete list of all precincts and polling locations for the November 3 election.

If there was a change in your polling location you will be notified by mail and changes will be published in local newspapers. To be certain, you should always check either GeauxVote.com or the Louisiana Secretary of State website: <https://www.sos.la.gov/ElectionsandVoting/GetElectioninformation/Pages/default.aspx>

If I want to avoid a long line, is there a “best time” to vote?

At some locations, mid-morning and mid-afternoon are less busy.

If I am disabled, can I go to the front of the line?

By state law, anyone who is disabled is entitled to go to the front of the line as well as any caregiver that accompanies them.

I am worried about catching Covid-19. Are voters required to wear masks in line?

Masks will be available and voters are encouraged to wear masks but commissioners cannot insist that they do so. Refusal to wear a mask will not disqualify you from voting.

I am not a registered voter. How can I register to vote?

To register to vote, you must be qualified to do so. You must:

Be a U.S. citizen

Be 17 years of age or older but you must be 18 to actually vote

Reside in the state and parish in which you seek to register

Not be under an order of imprisonment for conviction of a felony

Not be under judgement of full interdiction for mental incompetence or partial interdiction with suspension of voting rights

To vote in the November 3 election, you must register in person or by mail by October 5 or you may register online through GeauxVote.com by October 13

Where can I go to register?

You can register in person at either of the Registrar of Voters offices – See Essential Voter Information for location

You can register by mail by printing out the registration application found at stprov.org and mail it to the Registrar – Addresses are listed on Essential Voter Information

You can register online using the GeauxVote.com website.

What information am I required to have with me to register?

To complete the voter registration you will be required to prove age, residency and identity.

You may submit the following documents:

Louisiana Driver's License or Louisiana Special Identification Card

Social Security Card or birth certificate

Current and valid photo identification card

Other documents that establish identity and residency: utility bill, bank statement, government check

Not acceptable: A Louisiana mobility impaired card

I am a registered voter, but my name does not appear on the rolls. What can I do?

The Commissioner-in-Charge at the precinct will call to verify that your registration is valid. If you are worried you can check on your status on GeauxVote.com or call the Registrar of Voters – see the Essential Voter Information for the number

The photo ID I have – drivers' license – has expired. Can I use it when voting?

Yes

I have not voted for a few years. Will I still be registered to vote? How can I find out?

Three ways: Use the GeauxVote.com app; the Secretary of State Voter Portal

<https://voterportal.sos.la.gov> or call the Registrar of Voters – see Essential Voter Information for the number

Is early voting the same as voting by mail? Who can vote early? When and where can I vote early?

No, these are two separate ways to vote. Any registered voter may vote early but only certain specific voters may vote by mail. You MAY NOT vote both by mail and early vote. The times and locations for early voting are listed on the Essential Voter Information page.

Who is qualified to get an absentee ballot?

THE QUALIFICATIONS MAY CHANGE. ESSENTIAL TO CHECK THE SECRETARY OF STATE WEBSITE:

<https://voterportal.sos.la.gov/AbsenteeRequest/RequestType>

How do I get an absentee ballot?

If you qualify for an absentee ballot, you can request an application for the ballot using the Voter Portal on the Secretary of State's website: <https://voterportal.sos.la.gov/>

How do I fill out the ballot? Why are there two return envelopes?

The packet you receive for your absentee ballot will include: the ballot itself, an envelope addressed to the Registrar of Voters (postage required) and a slightly smaller envelope that is the Affidavit Envelope.

You complete the ballot by selecting the candidate or candidates (if allowed to vote for more than one) by completely filling in the oval next to the candidate's name.

You must also complete all the information on the Affidavit envelope including your mother's maiden name, your signature and printed name, a witness signature and printed name, your ward and precinct which are printed under your name on the return envelope to the Registrar of Voters.

DO NOT TEAR OFF THE FLAP ON THE AFFIDAVIT ENVELOPE OR YOUR VOTE WILL NOT COUNT.

You place the ballot in the Affidavit envelope and seal the envelope. You then put the Affidavit envelope into the pre-printed return envelope and ADD THE CORRECT POSTAGE.

What is the exact postage needed to send in the ballot? The envelope says extra postage required.

65 cents You may also hand deliver the ballot envelope to the Registrar of Voters. When you hand deliver it, the clerk will open the return envelope and check the Affidavit envelope for completeness.

What can I do if I make a mistake filling out the ballot? Can mistakes be erased?

It is best not to make a mistake. You may want to request another ballot if you have made an error. Scanners sometimes reject ballots that have mistakes.

Will the ballot count if I forget to sign it?

NO, it will not. Some Registrars review mail in ballots as they arrive and, if they see a mistake, may try to contact the voter to correct the error. But you cannot rely on this happening.

Do I need to have a person witness my signature? Can anyone do this for me or just a family member?

YES, you must have a person witness your signature. Anyone can do this for you. Military ballots do not require a witness.

When will the ballots be mailed to qualified voters?

Most likely according to the local Registrar, in early October.

What can I do if I don't get a ballot?

Call the local Registrar of Voters – see the Essential Voter Information for the phone number

Is there a deadline for returning an absentee ballot?

The deadline for the Registrar to receive the absentee ballot is November 2 by 4:30.

What do I do if I receive the ballot after the deadline?

If you do not receive an absentee ballot you may either vote early in person or vote in person on election day.

Must I mail back the ballot or can I drop it off? Where do I bring it and when can I do this?

You may either mail it back or drop it off at the Registrar of Voters office. You may do this any time before the deadline of November 2 at 4:30. See the Essential Voter Information for the location of the Registrar

Can someone else return the ballot for me?

Yes, but only a family member may return the ballot for you. They will need to sign that they are returning the ballot for you.

Some states have drop boxes. Do we have drop boxes for returning the ballots?

NO

How can I find out if my ballot has been received and counted?

Check the status of your mail in ballot on either GeauxVote.com or the Secretary of State's Voter Portal <https://voterportal.sos.la.gov>

**Can I be sure my vote will count by mailing in an absentee ballot and then also voting in person?
DO NOT DO THIS. IT IS ILLEGAL AND MAY RESULT IN CRIMINAL PENALTIES**