



GUIDE TO VOTING 2014

Requirements to Vote

- Be a U.S. citizen.
- At least 18 years old on Election Day.
- Be a resident of Minnesota for 20 days.
- Finished with all parts of any felony sentence.
- You can vote while under guardianship unless a judge revoked your right to vote.

2014 Important Dates

- June 27 — Absentee ballots available for Primary Election.
- July 22 — Last day to pre-register before Primary Election. Voters can also register at the polling place on Election Day.
- August 12 — Primary Election.
- September 19 — Absentee ballots available for the General Election.
- October 14 — Last day to pre-register before Election Day. Voters can also register at the polling place on Election Day.
- November 4 — General Election Day.

Get Registered

To vote in Minnesota, you must register — check your registration status at mnvotes.org.

You can pre-register at least three weeks before Election Day, or register at your polling place on Election Day. You can pre-register online, or mail a registration form to your county elections office.

You must re-register each time you change address, change names or do not vote for four years in a row.

Get Informed

Learn What Is on the Ballot

View your sample ballot at mnvotes.org and learn about the candidates and issues.

Where to Vote

Find your polling place at mnvotes.org, or contact your county auditor or municipal clerk.

Polling places are fully accessible with clearly marked parking spaces, doors and routes to voting areas. If you cannot leave your vehicle to enter the polling location, election judges will bring voting materials to you.

Voting Hours

Most polling places open at 7 a.m., and all must close at 8 p.m. Voters in line before 8 p.m. have the right to vote.

Right to Time Off from Work to Vote

By law, employees can take paid time off from work to vote.

Voter Assistance at the Polling Place

Voters have a right to receive help from election judges or a person of their choice, except an agent of their employer, their union or a candidate.

Go Vote on Election Day

Sign in and Register if Needed

- An election judge will ask for your name and address. If you registered before Election Day, you will be on the voter list and can sign in.
- If you did not pre-register to vote, you can register at the polling place. Learn about Election Day registration at mnvotes.org.

Get a Ballot

- You will receive a receipt after you sign in or register. Give the receipt to the next election judge, who will give you a ballot and show you how to mark it. The judge will answer questions and direct you to a private booth to vote.

Fill out the Ballot

- Ballot instructions will say how many candidates to choose for each office.
- Take as much time as you need. If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot.
- Voters can also use the AutoMARK ballot-marking device to complete their ballot. AutoMARK allows voters to vote independently and privately through a variety of accessibility options for marking a ballot — such as large printing, audio instructions, key pad or touchscreen.

Vote Early with an Absentee Ballot

You can vote early by using an absentee ballot — instead of voting in person on Election Day. You may vote absentee by mail or in person. Learn more at mnvotes.org.