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IN PERSON - You can obtain, fill out, sign and submit a Voter Registration Form in person at your local county Board of Elections or Department of Motor Vehicles.

BY PHONE – You can call 1-800-FOR-VOTE (1-800-367-8683) to request a Voter Registration Form be mailed to your residence. Once you receive the form, you must fill it out, sign it, and mail it back to the Board of Elections in order to be registered.

BY MAIL – Voter registrations forms are available at libraries, government offices, or from many community-based organizations. Once you obtain a form, you must fill it out, sign it and mail it back to the Board of Elections in order to be registered.

ONLINE (if you have a NYS DMV-issued identification card) - through your MyDMV portal.

Not sure if you're registered to vote already?

Look yourself up by name at:

https://voterlookup.elections.ny.gov/

EARLY VOTING

Vote early between Oct. 29 - Nov. 6

Voters can find out the location of their early voting site(s) on their local County BOE website or by calling their local BOE. See "Local BOE Offices" portion of this flyer for each County BOE phone number.

LOCAL BOARD OF ELECTIONS OFFICES

<u>Albany</u>

Physical address: 260 South Pearl Street, Albany, NY 12202 Mailing address: 224 South Pearl Street, Albany, NY 12202 Phone: (518) 487-5060 Fax: (518) 487-5077

<u>Rensselaer</u>

1600 7th Avenue, 1st floor Troy, NY 12180 Phone: (518) 270-2990 Fax: (518) 270-2909

Schenectady

2696 Hamburg Street, Schenectady, NY 12303 Phone: (518) 377-2469 Fax: (518) 377-2716

<u>Saratoga</u>

50 W. High Street Ballston Spa, NY 12020 Phone: (518) 885-2249 Fax: (518) 884-4751

YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE IN NEW YORK STATE



All U.S. citizens who are at least 18 years old on Election Day and have resided in their city or county for at least 30 days are eligible to vote, so long as they have not been declared mentally incompetent and are not currently incarcerated for a felony conviction. If this describes you, you are entitled to vote!

GENERAL ELECTION DAY

TUESDAY, NOV. 8, 2022

*PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL OF THE DATES IN THIS BROCHURE RELATE TO THE 2022 GENERAL ELECTION



VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINES

By Mail: Your mailed registration form must be postmarked no later than

October 14th

In Person: Your can register in person at your local board of elections or DMV up until close of business on October 14th

****Change of Address – If you have registered to vote in the past but have relocated, you must update your address with the board of elections in the county where you currently reside by October 19th

***Note: A person who is already registered to vote anywhere in New York State but changes addresses before the election can vote in-person by affidavit ballot up to and including election day. The affidavit ballot will serve as both the change of address to update the voter's registration and the voter's ballot. Voters should go to the polling places assigned for their current address and vote, even if they haven't specifically filled out a change of address form.



HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE EVEN IF YOU HAVE A CRIMINAL RECORD!

Can I register and vote in New York if I have a criminal record?

YES, IF...

- You have been charged with a felony or misdemeanor but have not yet been convicted (regardless of whether or not you are incarcerated pre-trial). Note: if you will still be incarcerated pre-trial as of June 28, 2022, you will need to vote by Absentee Ballot.
- You have been convicted of a misdemeanor (even if you are currently serving your sentence in the county jail).
 Note: if you will still be incarcerated as of June 28, 2022, you will need to vote by Absentee Ballot.
- You are on parole or probation for any crime*
- You were pardoned
- You were not sentenced to prison or had your prison sentence suspended
- You served your maximum sentence

NO. IF...

 You are currently in prison for a felony conviction.

*As of May 4, 2021, New Yorkers can vote after incarceration for a felony conviction, or while they are on parole or probation for a felony conviction. In these cases, your voting rights are automatically restored, BUT you have to re-register in order to vote.

Can I vote if I'm currently in jail?

Yes! You can (and should) vote by absentee ballot. Learn how to request an absentee ballot and cast your vote from jail on the next page of this brochure $\rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow$

VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

STEP 1: You must APPLY for an absentee ballot before voting by absentee ballot. You can apply for an absentee ballot in any of the following ways:

- Go in person to your local county board of elections any time before Nov. 7th
- Mailing or faxing your application to your local county board of elections. Your application must be received by your local county Board of Elections no later than Oct. 24th
- Going online to the Application portal at: https://absenteeballot.elections.ny.gov/

STEP 2: Once you have received your absentee ballot, you can <u>cast your ballot</u> in any of the following ways:

- Putting it in the mail ensuring it receives a postmark no later than Nov. 8th
- Bringing it to your county board of elections office no later than Nov. 8th by 9pm
- Bringing it to an early voting poll site in your county between Oct. 29th and Nov. 6th
- **Bringing it to a poll site** in your county on Nov. 8th by 9 PM.

BE AWARE that due to a recent change in NYS law, voters are no longer permitted to cast a ballot on a voting machine if they have already been issued an absentee ballot for that election. Voters who have already been issued an absentee ballot can still vote in person using an affidavit ballot! If this situation happens to you and someone at the polling place gives you a hard time, remind them that you have the right to vote by affidavit ballot.