

Voting by Absentee Ballot

Voters unable to vote in person on Election Day may be eligible to vote by absentee ballot. Most absentee voters must appear before the Circuit Clerk or Municipal Clerk and absentee vote in person. A few categories of absentee voters may request a mailed ballot. Voters, who are required to be at work on Election or will be out of town, must absentee vote in person. Absentee voters, who are 65 or older, have a permanent or temporary physical disability, or are temporarily residing outside their county of residence may absentee vote by mail. Please check with your Circuit or Municipal Clerk to determine if you are entitled to vote by an absentee ballot and to learn the procedures for doing so. ****In the year 2020, voters under a physician-imposed quarantine due to COVID-19 or caring for a dependent under a physician-imposed quarantine may request an absentee ballot under the temporary or permanent physical disability excuse, and absentee vote by mail.***

If you know you will vote by an absentee ballot, you may visit or contact your Circuit or Municipal Clerk's Office at any time within 45 days of the election.

Voters included within the Uniform and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA), such as members of the military and overseas citizens, may register to vote and request an absentee ballot by Federal Post Card Application (FPCA). UOCAVA voters may register to vote using the FPCA up until ten days before the date of an election and may receive and return an absentee ballot by mail, email, or fax.

Absentee ballots are now final votes. If you cast an absentee ballot, you may no longer vote in person on Election Day. If you know you will vote by an absentee ballot, you may visit or contact your Circuit or Municipal Clerk's Office at any time within 45 days of the election.

For more information, call the Secretary of State's Election Hotline at 1 (800) 829-6786 or visit our website at www.yallvote.ms.

Voter Registration Deadlines

To vote, you must register either in person at the Circuit Clerk's Office, Municipal Clerk's Office, or at a Public Service Agency (like DPS), or by mail-in registration application at least 30 days prior to the date of the election. All applications must be postmarked on or before 30 days prior to the date of the election. If the 30th day falls on a Sunday or legal holiday, then both the postmark and in-person deadline is extended to the next regular business day.

Voters who have not yet reached the age of 18 at the time of a primary election may vote in the primary election so long as he/she will reach the age of 18 on before the date of the general election.

2020

General Election Day - November 3
Register by October 5

2021

Primary Election Date - April 6
Register by March 8

General Election Date - June 8
Register by May 10

2020-2023 Elections Calendar

The chart below reflects regularly scheduled elections and does not account for special elections, elections affected by litigation, and other special circumstances.

	2020	2021	2022	2023
Federal Offices				
President and Vice President				
United States Senator				
United States Representative				
State Offices				
Governor				
Lieutenant Governor				
Secretary of State				
Attorney General				
State Auditor				
State Treasurer				
Commissioner of Agric. & Commerce				
State District Offices				
Supreme Court Justice				
Court of Appeals Judge				
Transportation Commissioner				
Public Service Commissioner				
State Senator				
State Representative				
Circuit Court Judge				
Chancery Court Judge				
District Attorney				
Levee Commissioner				
Court Offices				
Sheriff				
Chancery Clerk				
Circuit Clerk				
County Court Judge				
Tax Assessor				
Tax Collector				
Coroner				
County Attorney				
Surveyor				
County District Offices				
Supervisor				
Justice Court Judge				
Constable				
Election Commissioner				
Municipal Offices				
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NOTE: Not all counties elect all of the offices listed. Some special-charter municipalities hold elections in years other than the one indicated. Supreme Court Justices, Appeals Court Judges, and County Board of Education members run in staggered terms.

Mississippi Voter Information Guide

*Know your voting rights
and responsibilities*

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How to Register to Vote

Registration Qualifications

Every U.S. citizen who possesses the following qualifications is eligible to register to vote in Mississippi:

- A resident of Mississippi and the county, city, or town for 30 days prior to the election;
- At least 18 years old (or will be 18 by the date of the next General Election);
- Not declared mentally incompetent by a court; and
- Not convicted of a disenfranchising crime as defined by Section 241 of the Mississippi Constitution or by Attorney General Opinion, unless pardoned, rights of citizenship restored by the Governor or suffrage rights restored by the Legislature.

Registering by Mail

1. Complete a Mail-In Voter Registration Application. Provide the information requested, including your driver’s license number and/or the last four digits of your Social Security number. If you do not provide your driver’s license number or the last four digits of your Social Security number, you must send with your application:
 - A copy of a current and valid photo ID; **or**
 - A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows your name and address.
2. Send your Mail-In Voter Registration Application to the Circuit Clerk’s Office located in the county of your residence.
3. Applications must be postmarked 30 days before the date of the election. If the 30th day falls on a Sunday or legal holiday, then both the postmark and in-person deadline is extended to the next regular business day.
4. Mail-In Registration Applications are available at your Circuit Clerk’s Office, Municipal Clerk’s Office, public library, and other participating government offices. Also, Mail-In Registration Applications may be downloaded from our website at www.yallvote.ms.

Registering in Person

1. You may register to vote in person at any of the following locations:
 - Circuit Clerk’s Office;
 - Municipal Clerk’s Office;
 - Department of Public Safety; or
 - Any state or federal agency offering government services, such as the Department of Human Services.
2. You must register to vote 30 days before the date of the election. If the 30th day falls on a Sunday or legal holiday, then both the postmark and in-person deadline is extended to the next regular business day.

Know Your Voting Rights

- Every qualified Mississippi elector is entitled to vote regardless of race, creed, color, or disability.
- No one may refuse a person the right to vote if that person is legally entitled to vote.
- No voter shall be threatened, intimidated, or paid to vote by any person.
- Voters whose names do not appear on the poll book or who do not have an acceptable form of photo ID are entitled to vote by affidavit ballot.
- Voters who cast an affidavit ballot are entitled to receive written information at the time of voting on how to determine if the vote was counted and, if not, why not.
- Voters who require assistance in marking the ballot because of disability, blindness, or an inability to read or write are entitled to receive assistance from a person of the voter’s choice, excluding, a candidate whose name is on the ballot, or the spouse, parent, sibling or child of a candidate whose name is on the ballot, or by a poll watcher who is observing in the polling place on Election Day, or the voter’s employer or agent of that employer, or officer or agent of the voter’s union; unless, however, a candidate for office or the spouse, parent or child of a candidate is related within the first degree to the voter requesting assistance.

Voting with Photo ID

All Mississippi voters casting a ballot in person at the polls or casting an absentee ballot in the Circuit or Municipal Clerk’s Office must present one of the following forms of acceptable photo ID:

- A driver’s license;
- A government issued photo ID card;
- A United States passport;
- A government employee photo identification card;
- A firearms license;
- A student photo ID issued by an accredited Mississippi university, college, or community/junior college;
- A United States military photo ID;
- A tribal photo ID;
- Any other photo ID issued by any branch, department, agency or entity of the United States government or any State government; or
- A Mississippi Voter Identification Card

If you do not present an acceptable form of photo ID or are unable to do so because of a religious objection, you are entitled to cast an affidavit ballot.

A voter casting an affidavit ballot because he/she did not present an acceptable form of photo ID based upon a religious objection may not have his/her ballot rejected for this reason if he/she completes an Affidavit of Religious Objection in the Circuit or Municipal Clerk’s Office within five business days after Election Day.

A voter casting an affidavit ballot because he/she did not present an acceptable form of photo ID may not have his/her ballot rejected for this reason if he/she presents an acceptable form of photo ID in the Circuit or Municipal Clerk’s Office within five business days after Election Day.

Call 1 (844) MSVoter (1 (844) 678-6837) for Voter ID information or assistance in obtaining a Mississippi Voter Identification Card.

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Are you registered to vote?

Verify if you are an active registered voter online at www.yallvote.ms.

Have you moved and need to update your address?

To update your name and address registration information online, you must already be a registered voter of the State of Mississippi and have a current and valid Mississippi driver’s license or photo identification card issued by the Mississippi Department of Public Safety.

Update your voter registration information in five easy steps:

1. Enter your information exactly as it appears on your current voter registration card.
2. Choose your name out of the four possibilities listed.
3. Enter your information exactly as it appears on your driver’s license or other DPS identification card.
4. Change your address or name.
5. Visit the polling place locator prior to or on Election Day to determine where you should go to cast your ballot.

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Where to Vote

After registering to vote, your Voter Registration Card will be sent to your residence/ mailing address provided on your application. Your Voter Registration Card will provide the name, location, and number of the precinct in which you will vote.

You may contact your Circuit Clerk’s Office for more information. Polls are open each Election Day from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.