

QUESTIONS ABOUT VOTING

When do I vote?

Election Day is Tuesday, November 6th (unless you receive a mail-in ballot from your precinct or request an absentee ballot, for more information see below)

Where do I vote?

You are required to vote at your specified polling location. To find your polling location, visit: <https://vip.sos.nd.gov/WhereToVote.aspx>

Can I vote/Do I need to register?

Voter registration is NOT required in North Dakota. As long as you are 18 or older on Election Day, a resident of North Dakota, have resided in your precinct for at least 30 days before the election, and are not CURRENTLY incarcerated on the day of the election you CAN vote. You must simply present proof of identity and residence at your local polling place. Per the North Dakota Secretary of State, your ID must include: Name, Current Residential North Dakota Address, and Date of Birth.

Acceptable forms of ID include: Driver's license, Non Driver's identification card, Tribal government issued identification (including those issued by BIA for a tribe located in North Dakota, any other tribal agency or entity, or any other document that sets forth the tribal member's name, date of birth, and current North Dakota residential address), or a Long term care identification certificate (provided by North Dakota facility).

IF YOUR ID DOES NOT HAVE YOUR CURRENT ADDRESS: If an individual's valid form of identification does not include the North Dakota residential address or date of birth, or the North Dakota residential address is not current, the individual may supplement the identification with a current utility bill; a current bank statement; a check or a document issued by a federal, state, local, or tribal government (including those issued by BIA for a tribe located in North Dakota, any other tribal agency or entity, or any other document that sets forth the tribal member's name, date of birth, and current North Dakota residential address); or a paycheck.

IF YOU DON'T HAVE YOUR ID OR PROOF OF RESIDENCY ON ELECTION DAY: If an individual is not able to show a valid form of identification but asserts qualifications as an elector, the individual may mark a ballot that will be securely set aside. When the individual provides valid identification to the proper election official prior to the meeting of the canvassing board, the set aside ballot will be presented to the canvassing board for proper inclusion in the tally.

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What if I can't make it to vote on Election Day?

If you know that you will be unable to get to your polling place on Election Day (November 6th) you can request an absentee ballot from the state. You must request an absentee ballot by filling out the form here: <https://vip.sos.nd.gov/absentee/>

All eligible North Dakotans have the option to request a ballot before the day of an election in a process known as absentee voting. You do not need to provide a reason for why you are requesting an absentee; however you will be required to complete an application and sign an affidavit. You may submit an application anytime during the calendar year of an election; however ballots are not available until the 40th day before an election. Your application may be mailed, faxed, or personally delivered to your county auditor's office.

When you vote absentee your return envelope must be postmarked no later than the day before the election. If you are unable to meet this deadline then you will have to go to your appropriate polling place on Election Day to cast your ballot.