Voter Pocket Guide

Commonwealth of Virginia

November 3, 2020
General and Special Elections

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Deadlines

October 13:
Last day to register to vote or update your address for this election
If you move, your polling place may change. Be sure to update your voter registration address every time you move.

October 23 by 5 pm:
Last day to request that an absentee ballot be mailed to you

October 31:
Last day to vote an absentee ballot in person at your local voter registration office

November 3:
Election Day – Polls open 6am to 7pm

Find out more at vote.virginia.gov or **(800) 552-9745** or **TTY 711**.

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Ways to vote

By mail before Election Day

Request a ballot at elections.virginia.gov/absentee by **5 pm, October 23**. You may return your ballot:

- By mail, postmarked on or before **Nov. 3** and received by **noon on Friday, Nov. 6**
- To your local Voter Registration Office or drop-off location
- To your polling place on Election Day

In person before Election Day

From September 18 through October 31:
You can vote at your local Voter Registration Office or satellite voting location. Bring ID.

In person on Election Day

On Tuesday, November 3, 2020
Election Day polls are open 6 am until 7 pm

- Find your polling place: elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation
- Bring acceptable ID: elections.virginia.gov/VoterID

For more information on voting options, locations and hours, contact your local Voter Registration Office: elections.virginia.gov/localVRO

Absentee voting

Eligibility
All registered voters in Virginia may now vote early, in person or by mail, using a no-excuse absentee ballot.

Witness signature
If you believe you cannot safely have a witness present while completing your ballot, you may disregard the witness signature requirement when completing your mail-in absentee ballot for the November 3, 2020 election.

Accessible voting

There are accessible voting systems at each polling place, including satellite voting locations.

If you are 65 or older, or have a physical disability, you can vote from your vehicle at the polls on Election Day *or* at your local Voter Registration office before Election Day. Remember to bring a helper with you who can go in to request your curbside assistance. You can get help reading or writing from an election officer or your own helper.

If you are blind, have low vision, or have impaired manual dexterity, you may vote an absentee ballot using an electronic ballot marking tool. Contact your local voter registration office for details: elections.virginia.gov/localVRO.

Go to elections.virginia.gov/accessible to learn more.

Bring your ID

You need to show your ID or sign an ID Confirmation Statement to vote in person in this election.

Acceptable forms of identification:

- Voter confirmation documents
- Virginia DMV-issued driver's license* or ID card
- United States Passport (valid)
- Employer-issued photo ID
- Student ID issued by any college/university in the U.S. or high school in Virginia
- Other U.S. or Virginia government-issued photo ID
- Tribal enrollment or other tribal photo ID
- Virginia Voter Photo ID card
- Any current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document with your name and address

** Virginia law permits an expired Virginia DMV license to be used for voting purposes*

A voter who does not bring an acceptable ID to the polls or does not sign an ID Confirmation Statement will be offered a provisional ballot.

What to expect at the polls

When you arrive, election officers will be there to help you:

Check in
Say or write your name and address.
Show an acceptable ID.

Receive and check your ballot
Does it include all contests for your district?

Go the the voting booth and vote your ballot

Mark your ballot by filling in the oval next to your choice(s).

When you're done, scan your ballot.

If you are not on the voter list, or if you didn't bring a ID or sign an ID Confirmation Statement, an election officer will direct you to vote a provisional ballot.

Voter rights

You cannot be denied the right to vote if you are legally qualified to do so.

You have the right to:

- Vote if you have been registered at your current address at least 22 days before Election Day.
- Ask any election officer for help.
- Be shown how to mark and cast your ballot.
- Ask for a new ballot if you want to change your vote before you cast it.
- Vote a provisional ballot if your name doesn't appear on the voter list and you believe it should, or you forgot to bring an acceptable ID and refuse to sign an ID Confirmation Statement.
- Bring your small child into the voting booth.
- Vote if you are in line by 7 pm when the polls close.

Serving as a poll worker

The need for poll workers is greater than ever. Officers of Election perform a variety of duties on Election Day, including setting up polling places, assisting voters, and helping conduct the election fairly and lawfully. Interested? You can find more details and apply at elections.virginia.gov/officer.

Contact us

Have a question? The Virginia Department of Elections is here to help! Turn to us for #TrustedInfo:

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Email us: info@elections.virginia.gov

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