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THE FIRST ELECTION OF THE STATE'S SECOND CENTURY

*The direction of Colorado's second century
depends on you*



*The right to vote is at the core of our
constitutional system and is the fundamental
right of every citizen.*

REGISTER AND VOTE

**Mary Estill Buchanan
Secretary of State
State Capitol Building
Denver, Colorado**

REGISTER

Any citizen of the United States may become a registered voter who is:

- Eighteen years of age at the time of the election
- A resident of Colorado for 32 days
- A resident of his precinct for 32 days
- Properly registered to vote

You may register to vote any time during regular office hours at your County Clerk's office, up to and including the 32nd day before an election. Branch registration offices will be open from July 11, 1978 to August 11, and from September 13 through October 6, 1978. You may register for all members of your family who reside at the same address by taking an oath that those you are registering reside at your address and are qualified to vote at the next election.

If you are unable to register at the County Clerk's office you may request an application for registration from your County Clerk.

You become a registered elector of your county of residence in the State of Colorado upon providing certain information required by law, and by taking an oath.

Once registered, you remain registered for all elections unless you fail to vote in any general election (even-numbered years), or move from the precinct in which you originally registered. An address or name change may be made at your County Clerk's office, at a branch registration office, or by mail. If your address has changed within the precinct or within 32 days preceding an election, or your name has changed, you may go to the voting precinct where you are registered election day and receive a ballot by changing your name or address. If you are registered in a Colorado County and move to another Colorado County you must re-register with the County Clerk of your new residence.

If you register to vote in Colorado, you are also considered to be a Colorado resident under the Colorado Revenue Code. You are to register any motor vehicles you own, obtain a Colorado driver's license if you drive, and pay income taxes if applicable in Colorado.

PARTICIPATE

To participate in a political party, you must be registered to vote and affiliated with the party. Party affiliation is a matter of personal preference. Party membership entitles you to participate in local party caucuses, county, district and state assemblies and conventions and to vote in the Primary Election.

To affiliate, simply declare your party preference when you register to vote. No invitation is necessary. No one else can do it for you. If you do not choose to affiliate, or are registered by another member of your family, you will be registered as an unaffiliated voter. You must then declare your affiliation yourself at a registration office, by mail or when you appear to vote on Primary Election day. You are then a member of that particular political party with the right to participate in all party activities until you change or withdraw your party affiliation.

February 1, 1978, is the last day that eligible voters may register their party preference for participation in the neighborhood precinct caucuses. But if you reach the age of 18 or are naturalized after February 1 and before May 1, you may register your affiliation any time before the caucus and still be entitled to participate.

Your voice is heard louder and clearer at the caucus level than in any other part of the electoral process. May 1, 1978, is precinct caucus day. Locations will be posted with a sign, and usually published in your local newspaper. No invitation is required, you simply attend and take part. However, you must have been affiliated with the party holding the caucus prior to February 1 and have resided in the precinct for 32 days. The precinct caucus will nominate a committeeman and a committeewoman and elect delegates to the county assembly and some district assemblies.

Between May 11 and May 31 the county assembly will meet to elect delegates to other assemblies and to designate county candidates for the Primary Election ballot. Before July 22 the State representative, senatorial, judicial and congressional district assemblies will meet to designate candidates for the Primary Election ballot. The state assemblies will meet before July 22 to designate candidates for state offices and U.S. Senate candidates for the Primary Election.

The designated candidate names are then placed on the Primary Election ballot and voted on at the Primary Election. You must be affiliated with a political party in order to vote at a Primary Election.

VOTE

You are entitled to vote if you have voted in the 1976 Colorado General Election and have kept your address current or have registered in Colorado since then. You vote at the polling place in your precinct on election day or by absentee ballot. An absentee ballot may be cast at the County Clerk's office prior to the election or you may request in writing that the County Clerk mail an absentee ballot to you. The application must be signed by you or a member of your family related by blood or marriage.

If you are registered in one precinct in your County and have moved to another address in the same precinct, you may go to your precinct polling place on election day and change your address. If you are registered in one precinct and have moved to another precinct within 32 days before an election, you may vote by absentee ballot or at the polling place in the precinct where you are registered. If you are registered in one precinct and have moved to another precinct in the same county and have not registered that change with the County Clerk, you may appear on election day at the County Clerk's office and complete an affidavit for a change of address — then vote at your new precinct polling place.

PRIMARY ELECTION — September 12, 1978

The primary election nominates the candidates for the general election. The candidates designated by party assemblies or petition are on the primary ballot. In order to vote in the primary election, you must declare a party affiliation. If you are registered unaffiliated, you may declare your party at the polls on the day of the primary election. If you wish to change your party affiliation, it must be done with your county clerk by August 11 in order to vote your changed party ballot in the primary election.

You may apply for an absentee ballot at the office of your county clerk between June 14 and September 8. If your absentee ballot is mailed, it must be delivered to the county clerk's office by 7 P.M. on September 12. You may cast an absentee ballot at the office of your County Clerk between August 28 and September 8.

GENERAL ELECTION — November 7, 1978

The general election selects the candidates who will hold public office. The candidates nominated by the primary election and all independent candidates are on the ballot. You need not be affiliated with, nor declare a political party. You vote for the candidates of your choice for each public office.

You may apply for an absentee ballot at the office of your county clerk between August 9 and November 3. If your absentee ballot is mailed, it must be delivered to the county clerk's office by 7 P.M. on November 7. You may cast an absentee ballot at the office of your county clerk between October 23 and November 3.

QUESTIONS ASKED OF AND ANSWERED BY ELECTORS WHEN REGISTERING TO VOTE

Are you aware that if you are a resident of Colorado for voting purposes, you are also a resident of Colorado for Motor Vehicle Registration and Operation and for Income Tax Purposes?

1. What is your name in full?
2. What is your sole place of legal residence?
3. What is your mailing address?
4. What is your date of birth?
5. Were you registered to vote in this or any other State during the last 2 years?
6. Are you a U.S. citizen? By birth or naturalization?
7. Do you wish to affiliate with a major political party?
- *8. What is your social security number?
9. The Registrar will note your sex and physical description, including height and color of eyes.
10. Are you aware that you cannot legally vote in more than one place in any election?
11. Are you aware that a violation of the oath you are about to take is a criminal act punishable under the laws of Colorado?

Questions about your name, legal residence, mailing address, date of birth, previous registration, and citizenship are required to establish whether you are qualified to register and for identification purposes.

*Optional Information

- Colorado law requires the voter registration deputy to ask for your social security number, but you are not required to answer in order to register to vote.

1978 VOTER PARTICIPATION CALENDAR

February 1

Last day to register party affiliation for participation in political party precinct caucus.

May 1

Political party precinct caucuses.

May 11 - May 31

Political party county assemblies.

July 22

Last day district and state assemblies may be held.

August 11

Last day to register to vote in the primary election.

September 8

Last day to apply for primary election absentee ballot.

September 12

PRIMARY ELECTION 7 AM to 7 PM.

October 6

Last day to register to vote in the general election.

November 3

Last day to apply for general election absentee ballot.

November 7

GENERAL ELECTION 7 AM to 7 PM.