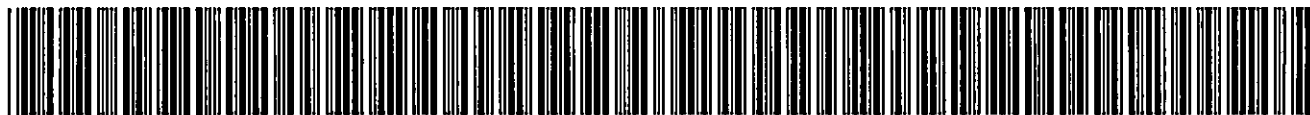


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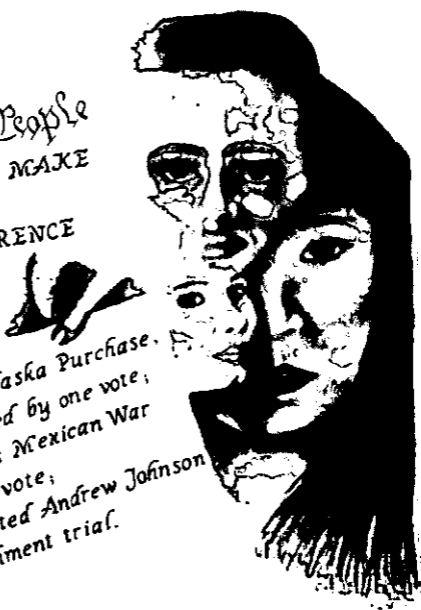
**HOW  
TO**

**Vote**

**in  
Maryland**

*We the People*  
VOTE TO MAKE  
A  
DIFFERENCE

The Alaska Purchase,  
ratified by one vote;  
U.S. enters Mexican War  
over one vote;  
One vote acquitted Andrew Johnson  
in an impeachment trial.



# To Vote you must Register.

## Who may register to vote?

Any U. S. Citizen who

- resides in Maryland;
- will be 18 years old by the next General Election;
- is not disqualified by a criminal record;
- is not under guardianship for mental disability.

## When may I register to vote?

Voter registration applications may be submitted year round. However, no registration will be processed during the:

- 24 days before and 11 days after the 2000 Presidential Primary Election
- 24 days before and 11 days after the 2000 Presidential General Election

## Where may I register to vote?

You may complete a voter registration application in person at the election office in your county or Baltimore City (see reverse side for listing of election board offices and telephone numbers). Voter registration applications are also available throughout Maryland at any office of the State Department of Health, Social Services Administration, Motor Vehicle Administration, Offices on Aging, and all public institutions of higher education as well as many other State agencies.

## May I register to vote by mail?

Yes. You may request your election board in your county to send a voter registration application to you, or you can call the State's toll free telephone number 1-800-222-8683 to have an application mailed to you.

The completed application may be mailed to the election board or delivered in person.

## When am I registered to vote?

You are considered a registered voter when you receive your voter notification card from your election board.

## What should I do if I have changed my address or my name since the last election?

You must notify the election board in your county of residence by written notice, signed by the voter, requesting that the proper form for providing such written notification be mailed to you.

## What should I do if I move to another county within the state? Or across the Baltimore City line?

You must re-register with the election board within your new residence jurisdiction.

## **Do I have to register for each election?**

No. Registration is permanent, as long as you continue to live in the same jurisdiction and keep your address and name current with your county election board.

## **If I am an overseas citizen, must I register to vote?**

Yes. An overseas Maryland citizen may register to vote and request an absentee ballot using the Federal Post Card Application. The Federal Post Card Application, or the State Voter Registration Application must be postmarked no later than the 25th day prior to the election in which the applicant desires to vote.

## **Make your voice count. Register, then Vote.**

## **When are elections held?**

### **Statewide**

- Statewide Primary Elections will be held:
  - the first Tuesday in March for the 2000 Presidential Election
- General Elections are held in even numbered years on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

**Baltimore City** elections are held in the year after the Gubernatorial year (1999). The Primary Election is the second Tuesday after the first Monday in September and the General Election is the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

## **When are the polls open?**

Throughout Maryland polls are open continuously from 7 AM to 8 PM on Election Day. If you are in line when the polls close, you may vote.

## **Where will I vote?**

After you are registered you will receive by mail a Voter Notification Card which will show your precinct number and polling place. You must always vote in the polling place for your precinct, so keep the notification as a reminder.

## **How will I cast my ballot?**

You will vote on a voting machine or on one of the other voting devices approved for use in the State. You may ask election officials to show you how, but you alone must cast the vote. If you are blind, disabled, or unable to vote without help, you may choose someone to assist you or have one election judge from each party help you.

# Voting in Primary Elections.

## What is a Party Primary?

The major parties are required by law to choose their candidates for the General Election in Party Primary Elections. Party rules determine which registered voters are eligible to vote in the party's primary. At this time, only registered Democrats may vote in the Democratic primary. Registered Republicans and those voters who are not affiliated with any political party may vote in the Republican primary.

## How can I vote in a Party Primary?

To vote in a Party Primary, you must comply with the party's eligibility criteria as set forth above.

## May I change parties?

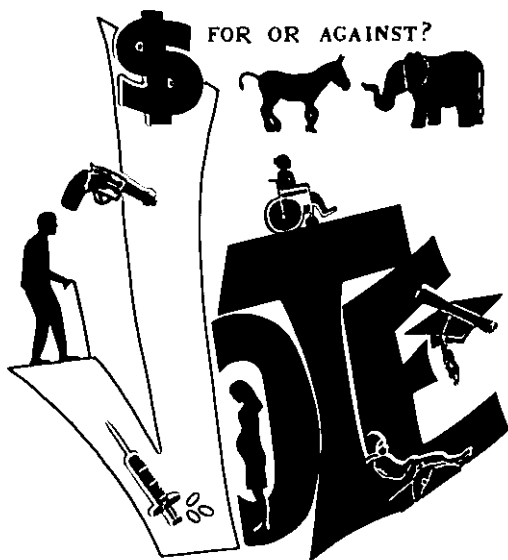
Yes. At anytime except in the 12 weeks prior to a primary election, send your written request for a change or by completing a voter registration application.

## Suppose I don't wish to affiliate with a party?

If you do not choose a party, you will be recorded as a "Decline". Currently you will be able to vote in the Republican primary in accordance with party rules. You will also be able to vote in any nonpartisan primary held in your jurisdiction such as a Board of Education Primary.

## If I register before my 18th birthday and the Party Primary comes before that birthday, what then?

If you will be 18 by the General Election, you may vote in the Primary that precedes it even if you are under 18.



# Can't get to the polls? Vote by Absentee Ballot.

## Who may vote by Absentee Ballot?

A qualified voter who cannot get to their polling place on Election Day because of absence from home, illness or disability, confinement in or restriction to an institution, overseas citizens who reside outside of the United States who would be qualified to vote in Maryland, and for other reasons. You may also qualify to designate a duly authorized agent to acquire and return your ballot. For more information, please contact your county election board.

## How do I get an Absentee Ballot?

You must apply in writing for the ballot. Phone, write, go to the election board for an application. (Apply for absentee voting as far ahead of time as you can, but no later than seven days before the election). When your application is processed and you are found to be qualified, the ballot will be mailed to you.

## How do I cast an Absentee Ballot?

Follow the instructions enclosed with the ballot and return it to the election board.

- If returned in person, it must be received no later than 8 PM on Election Day when the polls close.
- If returned by mail, it must be received no later than 4 PM on the day after election and must bear a postmark verifying that it was mailed before Election Day.
- A Presidential Primary, Special Election or any General Election ballot from an overseas location can be received up to 4 PM on the second Friday after the election, providing it bears a postmark verifying that it was mailed before Election Day.

## What if I have a last minute problem?

If you are already registered to vote, you or your duly authorized agent may apply in person for an absentee ballot at the county board of elections after the deadline if:

- You find out after the deadline that you must be absent from the county where you are registered;
- You have a sudden illness or accident;
- You have a death or serious illness in your immediate family;
- You have a physical disability or are confined in or restricted to an institution;
- You are a full time student at a college outside your precinct but within your county and academic requirements prevent you from being present on election day.

# COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS

**Allegany County**  
701 Kelly Road, Suite 213  
Cumberland, MD 21502-3401  
(301) 777-5931  
8:00 – 4:30 Daily

**Anne Arundel County**  
P.O. Box 490  
Glen Burnie, MD 21060-0490  
(410) 222-6600  
8:00 – 5:00 Daily

**Baltimore City**  
Charles L. Benton Bldg.  
Room 129  
417 E. Fayette Street  
Baltimore, MD 21202-3432  
(410) 396-5550  
8:00 – 4:30 Daily

**Baltimore County**  
305 W. Chesapeake Ave.  
Suite 310  
Towson, MD 21204-4408  
(410) 887-5700  
8:00 – 5:00 Daily

**Calvert County**  
P.O. Box 798  
Prince Frederick, MD 20678-0798  
(410) 535-2214  
8:30 – 4:30 Daily

**Caroline County**  
Health & Public Services Bldg.  
Suite 247  
403 S. 7th Street  
Denton, MD 21629-1335  
(410) 479-5735  
8:00 – 4:00 Daily

**Carroll County**  
225 N. Center Street  
Westminster, MD 21157-5194  
(410) 386-2080  
8:00 – 5:00 Daily

**Cecil County**  
Court House, Room 332  
129 E. Main Street  
Elkton, MD 21921-5970  
(410) 996-5311  
8:00 – 5:00 Daily

**Charles County**  
P.O. Box 908  
La Plata, MD 20646-0908  
(301) 934-8972  
(301) 870-3167  
8:00 – 5:00 Daily

**Dorchester County**  
P.O. Box 414  
Cambridge, MD 21613-0414  
(410) 228-2560  
8:00 – 4:30 Daily

**Frederick County**  
Winchester Hall  
12 E. Church Street  
Frederick, MD 21701-5447  
(301) 694-1005  
7:30 – 4:30 Daily

**Garrett County**  
Garrett County Court House  
Room 108  
203 S. Fourth Street  
Oakland, MD 21550-1584  
(310) 334-1962  
8:00 – 5:00 Daily

**Harford County**  
18 Office Street  
Bel Air, MD 21014-3778  
(410) 638-3565  
8:00 – 5:00 Daily

**Howard County**  
8659 Baltimore National Pike  
Ellicott City, MD 21043-4126  
(410) 313-2727  
8:00 – 5:00 Daily

**Kent County**  
215 Washington Avenue  
Chestertown, MD 21620-1312  
(410) 778-0038  
8:00 – 4:30 Daily

**Montgomery County**  
P.O. Box 4333  
Rockville, MD 20849-4333  
(240) 777-8500  
8:30 – 5:00 Daily

**Prince George's County**  
14701 Gov. Oden Bowie Drive  
Suite 101  
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772-3070  
(301) 952-3270  
8:00 – 9:00 p.m. Daily

**Queen Anne's County**  
County Annex Building  
P.O. Box 274  
Centerville, MD 21617-0274  
(410) 758-0832  
8:00 – 5:00 Daily  
6:30 – 8:00 pm 3rd Thursday

**St. Mary's County**  
P.O. Box 197  
Leonardtown, MD 20650-0197  
(301) 475-4651  
8:00 – 5:00 Daily

**Somerset County**  
P.O. Box 96  
Princess Anne, MD 21853-0096  
(410) 651-0767  
9:00 – 4:30 Daily

**Talbot County**  
P.O. Box 353  
Easton, MD 21601-0353  
(410) 770-8099

**Washington County**  
33 W. Washington Street  
Hagerstown, MD 21740-4834  
(301) 791-3030  
8:00 – 4:30 Daily

**Wicomico County**  
P.O. Box 4091  
Salisbury, MD 21803-4091  
(410) 548-4830  
8:00 – 4:30 Daily

**Worcester County**  
100 Belt Street  
Snow Hill, MD 21863-1310  
(410) 632-1320  
8:00 – 5:00 Daily



**Maryland State Board of Elections**  
P.O. Box 6486  
Annapolis, MD 21401-0486  
8 AM-5 PM Daily  
Phone (800) 222-8683  
MD Relay Service (800) 735-2258  
<http://www.elections.state.md.us>

If you are not registered to vote in the State of Maryland, and would like to obtain a voter registration application by mail, call your County Board of Elections (*see listing of election board offices and telephone numbers above*), or the Maryland State Board of Elections at:

**1-800-222-8683**

# MARYLAND ELECTION CALENDAR-2000

Last day for change of party affiliation 9PM	December 13, 1999
Last day to register to vote before Primary Election 9PM	February 11, 2000
Primary Election Day, Polls open 7 AM-8 PM continuously	March 7, 2000
Voter Registration reopens	March 20, 2000
Last day to register to vote before General Election 9 PM	October 13, 2000
General Election Day, Polls open 7 AM-8 PM continuously	November 7, 2000
Voter Registration reopens	November 20, 2000

## TO BE ELECTED-2000

President/Vice President  
United States Senate  
Representatives in Congress  
Judges  
Delegates to the National Convention  
(Primary Election Only)  
Boards of Education (in some counties)

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