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## To Vote You Must Register

### Who may apply to register to vote?

Any U.S. citizen who:

- is a resident of Maryland;
- will be at least 18 years old by the next General Election;
- is not under guardianship for mental disability;
- has not been disqualified by two or more convictions for infamous crimes, \*without a pardon;
- is not under sentence or on probation following a first conviction for an infamous crime.\*

*\*INFAMOUS CRIME means any felony, treason, perjury, or any crime involving an element of deceit, fraud, or corruption.*

### When may I apply to register to vote?

Voter registration applications may be submitted to your local (County or Baltimore City) board of elections or the State Board of Elections year round. However, no registration will be processed during the following periods:

- 20 days before through 10 days after the 2002 Gubernatorial Primary Election; and
- 20 days before through 10 days after the 2002 Gubernatorial General Election.

### Where may I apply to register to vote?

You may complete a voter registration application in person at your local board of elections office or the State Board of Elections (see reverse side for addresses and phone numbers). Voter registration applications are also available throughout Maryland at State agencies, such as the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Department of Social Services, the Motor Vehicle Administration, Offices on Aging, and all public institutions of higher education.

### May I apply to register to vote by mail?

Yes. You may contact any local board of elections to request an application. You may print an application from the State Board of Elections website at <http://www.elections.state.md.us> or use the State Board's 24-hour toll-free telephone number 1-800-222-8683, and select Option #3 from the main menu (leave your name, mailing address, and telephone number). The completed voter registration application may be mailed or delivered in person to your local board of elections or the State Board of Elections.

### When am I registered to vote?

You are considered a registered voter when you receive your Voter Notification Card from your local board of elections. If you do not receive your card within three weeks, you should contact the local board of elections (see reverse side for addresses and telephone numbers).

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

No. Registration is permanent as long as you continue to live in Maryland and keep your name and address current with your local board of elections.

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

You must notify the local board of elections where you currently live if there are any changes to your voter registration information. Changes in registration information may be sent to your local board of elections either on a voter registration application or in any other signed written notice.

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

You should provide your new address to the local board of elections in your new jurisdiction.

### If I am a U.S. citizen living overseas, may I register and vote in Maryland?

Yes. An overseas U.S. citizen, whose last residence address in this country was in Maryland, may register to vote, and may request an absentee ballot, using the Federal Post Card Application. The overseas citizen may vote in federal contests, but not in state and local contests. For registration by mail, either the Federal Post Card Application or a Maryland voter registration application must be postmarked at least 21 days before the election.

## Make Your Voice Count. Register, Then Vote.

### 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 at the time the polls close, you will be permitted to vote.

### Where will I vote?

After you are registered, you will receive by mail a Voter Notification Card, which will indicate your precinct number and polling place. You may only vote at the polling place and precinct indicated on your Voter Notification Card. Keep your Voter Notification Card as a reminder.

### How will I cast my vote?

You will cast your vote on a voting system certified for use in Maryland. A diagram or specimen ballot will be available at the polling place to familiarize you with the ballot. You may ask an election judge to demonstrate the voting system for you, but unless you are unable to do so, you alone must cast your vote.

If you are visually impaired, otherwise physically disabled, or unable to, you may select someone to assist you. By law, your employer, an agent of your employer, or an officer or agent of your union is not allowed to assist you. An election judge may assist you, but only in the presence of another election judge of a different political party.

## MARYLAND ELECTION CALENDAR - 2002

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| Last day for change of party affiliation 9 PM                 | Jun. 17, 2002  |
| Last day to register to vote before the Primary Election 9 PM | Aug. 20, 2002  |
| Primary Election Day, Polls open 7 AM - 8 PM continuously     | Sept. 10, 2002 |
| Voter Registration reopens                                    | Sept. 23, 2002 |
| Last day to register to vote before the General Election 9 PM | Oct. 15, 2002  |
| General Election Day, Polls open 7 AM - 8 PM continuously     | Nov. 5, 2002   |
| Voter Registration reopens                                    | Nov. 18, 2002  |

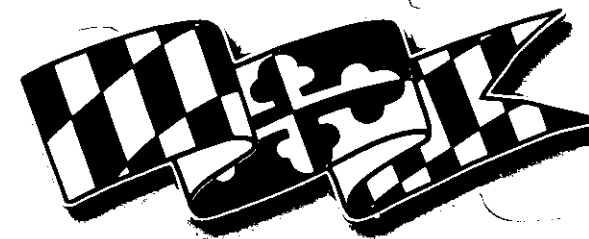
## TO BE ELECTED - 2002

Governor  
Lt. Governor  
Comptroller  
Attorney General  
State Senators  
Members of the House of Delegates  
Judges  
County Government Officials  
Court House Officials  
Board of Education  
*(In Some Counties)*  
Party Central Committees  
*(Primary Election only)*

# HOW TO

# VOTE

In  
**Maryland**



## Voting in Primary Elections

### What is a party primary?

The two principal political parties are required by law to choose their candidates for the General Election in Party Primary Elections. Although it is up to the parties to decide who may vote in their primaries, generally only registered voters affiliated with a principal political party may vote in that party's primary.

### How can I vote in a party primary?

Generally, you must be registered with a party to take part in the party's primary.

### May I change parties?

Yes, except during the 12 weeks before the primary. You may submit a new voter registration application or a written request to change your voter registration to your local board of elections.

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

If you do not choose a party, you will be recorded as a "Decline." You will generally not be able to vote in Party Primaries, but you will be able to vote in any nonpartisan primary held in your jurisdiction, such as a primary to select nominees for the board of education.

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

If you will be 18 years old by the next General Election, you may vote in the Primary Election that precedes it, even if you are not yet 18.

## Can't Get to the Polls? Vote by Absentee Ballot.

### Who may vote by absentee ballot?

A qualified absentee voter is someone who cannot get to his/her assigned polling place on Election Day. This may be due to an illness, disability, confinement or restriction in an institution, or absence from the county or Baltimore City where the voter is registered. U.S. citizens who live outside the United States and whose last residence address in this country was in Maryland may also vote in Maryland (in federal contests only) by absentee ballot. A voter may also qualify to designate an agent to obtain and return the voter's absentee ballot. For more information, the voter should contact his/her local board of elections. (See the reverse side for addresses and telephone numbers.)

### How do I get an absentee ballot?

You must apply in writing for an absentee ballot. An application may be obtained by telephone, written request, or in person at your local board of elections or through the State Board of Elections website at <http://www.elections.state.md.us>. You must apply for an absentee ballot at least 7 days before an election. When your application is processed and you are determined to be qualified, an absentee ballot will be mailed to you.

### How do I cast an absentee ballot?

Follow the instructions enclosed with the ballot and return it to your local board of elections.

- If you return it in person, it must be received before the polls close at 8 PM on Election Day.
- Ballots returned by mail must be received no later than 4 PM on the day after Election Day and must bear a postmark dated before Election Day.
- An overseas ballot for a Presidential Primary, a Special Election or a General Election will be accepted until 4 PM on the second Friday after Election Day as long as it bears a postmark dated before Election Day.

### What if I have a last minute problem and cannot get to my assigned polling place to vote?

If you are already registered to vote and if you fall into one of the following categories, you, or an agent authorized by you, may apply in person for an absentee ballot at your local board of elections after the absentee ballot application deadline:

- You are going to be absent from the local jurisdiction where you are registered on Election Day;
- 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; or
- You are a full-time student at a college outside your precinct, but within your local jurisdiction, and academic requirements prevent you from going to the polls on Election Day.

### Allegany County

701 Kelly Road, Suite 213  
Cumberland, MD 21502-3401  
301-777-5931 • TDD 800-735-2258  
[www.gov.allconet.org/elections/election\\_home.htm](http://www.gov.allconet.org/elections/election_home.htm)  
8:00 am - 4:30 pm M-F

### Anne Arundel County

P.O. Box 490  
Glen Burnie, MD 21060-0490  
410-222-6600  
[www.co.anne-arundel.md.us](http://www.co.anne-arundel.md.us)  
8:00 am - 5:00 pm M-F

### Baltimore City

Charles L. Benton Bldg.  
417 E. Fayette Street, Rm. 129  
Baltimore, MD 21202-3432  
410-396-5550  
[www.ci.baltimore.md.us/government/elections/index.html](http://www.ci.baltimore.md.us/government/elections/index.html)  
8:00 am - 4:30 pm M-F

### Baltimore County

305 W. Chesapeake Ave., Suite 310  
Towson, MD 21204-4408  
410-887-5700  
[www.co.ba.md.us/p.cfm/agencies/elections](http://www.co.ba.md.us/p.cfm/agencies/elections)  
8:00 am - 5:00 pm M-F

### Calvert County

P.O. Box 798  
Prince Frederick, MD 20678-0798  
410-535-2214  
DC Line 301-855-1376  
[www.co.cal.md.us/gov/election.htm](http://www.co.cal.md.us/gov/election.htm)  
8:30 am - 4:30 pm M-F

### Caroline County

Health & Public Services Bldg.  
403 S. Seventh Street, Suite 247  
Denton, MD 21629-1335  
410-479-8145  
8:00 am - 4:00 am M-F

## COUNTY ELECTION OFFICES

### Carroll County

225 N. Center Street  
Westminister, MD 21157-5194  
410-386-2080  
[www.carr.org/election](http://www.carr.org/election)  
8:00 am - 5:00 pm M-F

### Cecil County

Court House  
129 E. Main Street, Room 332  
Elkton, MD 21921-5970  
410-996-5311  
[www.ccmagazine.org.ccoeb.htm](http://www.ccmagazine.org.ccoeb.htm)  
8:00 am - 5:00 pm M-F

### Charles County

P.O. Box 908  
La Plata, MD 20646-0908  
301-934-8972 • 301-870-3167  
[www.charlescounty.org/eb/](http://www.charlescounty.org/eb/)  
8:00 am - 5:00 pm M-F

### Dorchester County

P.O. Box 414  
Cambridge, MD 21613-0414  
410-228-2560  
8:00 am - 4:30 pm M-F

### Frederick County

Winchester Hall  
12 E. Church Street  
Frederick, MD 21701-5447  
301-694-1005  
[www.co.frederick.md.us/govt/voting.html](http://www.co.frederick.md.us/govt/voting.html)  
7:30 am - 4:30 pm M-F

### Garrett County

Garrett Co. Court House  
203 S. Fourth Street, Room 108  
Oakland, MD 21550-1584  
[www.co.garrett.md.us/elections.htm](http://www.co.garrett.md.us/elections.htm)  
301-334-1962  
8:00 am - 5:00 pm M-F

### Harford County

18 Office Street  
Bel Air, MD 21014-3778  
410-638-3565  
[www.co.ha.md.us/elections](http://www.co.ha.md.us/elections)  
8:00 am - 5:00 pm M-F

### Howard County

Executive Park Bldg.  
8900 Columbia-100 Parkway  
Columbia, MD 21045  
410-313-2727  
[www.co.ho.md.us/voting.html](http://www.co.ho.md.us/voting.html)  
8:00 am - 5:00 pm M-F

### Kent County

215 Washington Avenue  
Chestertown, MD 21620-1312  
410-778-0038  
[www.kentcounty.com/gov/elections](http://www.kentcounty.com/gov/elections)  
8:00 am - 4:30 pm M-F

### Montgomery County

P.O. Box 4333  
Rockville, MD 20849-4333  
240-777-8500 • TDD 800-735-2258  
[www.co.mo.md.us/services/elections](http://www.co.mo.md.us/services/elections)  
8:30 am - 5:00 pm M-F

### Prince George's County

14701 Gov. Oden Bowie Dr., Suite 101  
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772-3070  
301-952-3270  
24 hr. Info. Line 301-627-2814  
TDD 301-627-3352  
[www.pg.md.us/government/elections](http://www.pg.md.us/government/elections)  
8:00 am - 4:30 pm M-F

### Queen Anne's County

County Annex Bldg.  
P.O. Box 274  
Centreville, MD 21617-0274  
410-758-0832  
8:00 am - 5:00 pm M-F  
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm 3rd Thursday

### St. Mary's County

P.O. Box 197  
Leonardtown, MD 20650-0197  
301-475-4651  
8:00 am - 5:00 pm M-F

### Somerset County

P.O. Box 96  
Princess Anne, MD 21853-0096  
410-651-0767  
9:00 am - 4:30 pm M-F

### Talbot County

P.O. Box 353  
Easton, MD 21601-0353  
410-770-8099  
8:00 am - 4:30 pm M-F

### Washington County

35 W. Washington Street, Room 100  
Hagerstown, MD 21740-4834  
301-791-3030  
TDD 301-791-3033  
[www.pilot.wash.lib.us/washco/election/elect1.html](http://www.pilot.wash.lib.us/washco/election/elect1.html)  
8:00 am - 4:30 pm M-F

### Wicomico County

P.O. Box 4091  
Salisbury, MD 21803-4091  
410-548-4830  
[www.co.wicomico.md.us/election](http://www.co.wicomico.md.us/election)  
8:00 am - 4:30 pm M-F

### Worcester County

100 Belt Street  
Snow Hill, MD 21863-1310  
410-632-1320  
[www.worc.lib.md.us/elections](http://www.worc.lib.md.us/elections)  
8:00 am - 5:00 pm M-F



If you are not registered to vote in Maryland, and would like to obtain a voter registration application by mail, call your local board of elections (see listing of election offices and telephone numbers above.) You may also print a voter registration application from the State Board of Elections website at <http://www.elections.state.md.us> or call the State Board of Elections at:

**1-800-222-8683**



**Maryland State  
Board of Elections**

P.O. Box 6486 • Annapolis, MD 21401-0486  
(800) 222-8683 • MD Relay Service (800) 735-2258  
<http://www.elections.state.md.us> • 8:00 am - 5:00 pm M-F