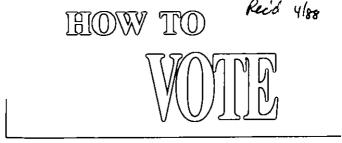
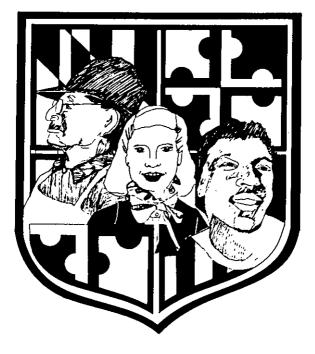
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TO VOTE YOU MUST REGISTER

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 or under guardianship for mental disability.

When may I register to vote?

- Year round, except:
- · 29 days before and 10 days after a Primary Election
- 29 days before and 15 days after a General Election

Where may I register to vote?

Register in person at the election office in your county or Baltimore City. See reverse side for listing of election board offices and telephone numbers.

May I register to vote by mail?

Yes. Contact your local election office for information. Voter Registration forms also are available throughout Maryland at any office of the State Department of Health, Social Services Administration, and Motor Vehicle Administration.

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

You must notify the election board where you are registered, in writing over your signature, within 30 days of the change, or risk loss of registration.

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 for 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 jurisdiction, keep your address current with the election board, and do not let five years go by without voting.

IF YOU FAIL TO VOTE FOR FIVE CALENDAR YEARS, YOUR REGISTRATION WILL BE CAN-CELLED AND YOU MUST RE-REGISTER IN OR-DER TO VOTE AGAIN

MAKE YOUR VOICE COUNT REGISTER, THEN VOTE

When are elections held?

Statewide

- Statewide Primary Elections are held:
 - the second Tuesday in March in Presidential years (1988, 1992)
 - the second Tuesday after the first Monday in September in Gubernatorial years (1990, 1994)
- General Elections are held in even numbered years on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

Baltimore City elections are held the year after the Gubernatorial year (1987, 1991). 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 register you will receive by mail a Voter Notification 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.

Only voters registered with a major political party may vote in the Primary Election of their party.

How can I vote in a Party Primary?

To vote in a Party Primary, you must affiliate with that party either when you register to vote or at a later date.

May I change parties?

Yes. At anytime except in the 12 weeks prior to a primary election, send your written request for change, over your signature, to the election board where you are registered.



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 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 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 absentee?

Qualified persons who cannot get to the polls in person on Election Day because of absence from home, illness or disability, confinement in an institution, and for other reasons.

How do I get an Absentee Ballot?

You must apply in writing for the ballot. Phone, write or go to the local election board for an application.

APPLY FOR ABSENTEE VOTING AS FAR AHEAD OF TIME AS YOU CAN, BUT IN NO IN-STANCE ANY LATER THAN SEVEN DAYS BEFORE 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 General Election ballot from an overseas location can be received up to 4 PM on the second Friday after election, provided it bears a postmark verifying that it was mailed before Election Day.

What if I have a last minute problem?

If you are already a registered voter, you may get an emergency absentee ballot after the deadline if

- you find out after the deadline that you must be absent from the county or Baltimore City where you are registered;
- you have a sudden illness or accident;
- you have a death or serious illness in the immediate family.



BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS

Allegany County P.O. Box 659 Cumberland, MD 21501-0659 777-5931 8:30-4:30 Daily

Anne Arundel County P.O. Box 490 Glen Burnie, MD 21061-0004 787-8210 8:30-4:00 Daily

Baltimore City District Court Bldg. Fayette & Gay Streets Baltimore, MD 21202-4060 396-5580 8:30-4:00 Daily

Baltimore County 3001 Hiss Avenue Baltimore, MD 21234-4798 494-3161 8:30-4:30 Daily

Calvert County P.O. Box 798 Prince Frederick, MD 20678-0798 535-1600 8:30-4:30 Daily

Caroline County Multi-Service Center 207 S. Third Street Denton, MD 21629-1229 479-4635 8:30-4:30 M-T-W-Th Carroll County 225 N. Center Street Westminster, MD 21157-5145 848-4500 8:30-4:30 Daily

Cecil County Room 109, Court House Elkton, MD 21921-5970 398-0200 8:30-4:30 Daily

Charles County P.O. Box 681 La Plata, MD 20646-0681 934-8972, 870-3167 8:30-4:30 Daily

Dorchester County P.O. Box 26 Cambridge, MD 21613-0026 228-2560 8:30-4:30 Daily

Frederick County Winchester Hall 12 E. Church Street Frederick, MD 21701-5447 694-1005 8:00-4:00 Daily

Garrett County Room 226 203 S. Fourth Street Oakland, MD 21550-1584 334-1962 8:30-4:30 Daily Harford County 18 Office Street Bel Air, MD 21014-3778 838-6000 9:00-4:30 Daily

Howard County 8950 Rt. 108, Suite 117 Columbia, MD 21045-2112 997-7644 8:30-4:30 Daily

Kent County 400 High Street Chestertown, MD 21620-1312 778-0038 9:00-4:00 T-W-Th

Montgomery County P.O. Box 4333 Rockville, MD 20850-4333 279-1507 8:30-5:00 Daily

Prince George's County 14701 Gov. Oden Bowie Dr. Suite 101 Upper Marlboro, MD 20772-3086 952-3270 8:00-9:00 pm Daily

Queen Anne's County County Office Bldg. P.O. Box 274 Centreville, MD 21617-0274 758-0832 9:00-4:00 T-W-F 6:30-8:00 pm 3rd W St. Mary's County P.O. Box 197 Leonardtown, MD 20650-0197 475-4651 8:30-4:30 Daily

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

Talbot County P.O. Box 353 Easton, MD 21601-0353 822-5045 8:30-4:30 M-T-F

Washington County 33 W. Washington Street Hagerstown, MD 21740-5605 791-3030 8:00-4:00 Daily

Wicomico County P.O. Box 4091 Salisbury, MD 21801-4091 548-4830 8:30-4:30 Daily

Worcester County Court House, 1st Floor, Rm 114 Snow Hill, MD 21863-1290 632-1320 8:30-4:30 Daily

If you are not a registered voter, print the following information in ink and mail. An application for voter registration will be sent to you.

Full Name	-	Apt.	

Residence Address _____ County _____

Post Office _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth _____

Sign your full name _____

Mail (in an envelope) to your local board of elections (see list above)



State Administrative Board of Election Laws P.O. Box 231 Annapolis, Maryland 21404-0231

> Phone: 301/974-3711 TDD: 800-492-5062

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MARYLAND ELECTION CALENDAR — 1988

Last day for change of party affiliation	December 14, 1987
Last day to register for Primary Election	February 8, 1988
Primary Election Day, polls open 7 AM- 8 PM continuously	March 8, 1988
Registration reopens	March 21, 1988
Last day to register for General Election	October 10, 1988
General Election Day, polls open 7 AM- 8 PM continuously	November 8, 1988

TO BE ELECTED — 1988

President/Vice President U.S. Senator Representatives in Congress Delegates to the National Convention (Primary Election Only) Boards of Education (in some counties)

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