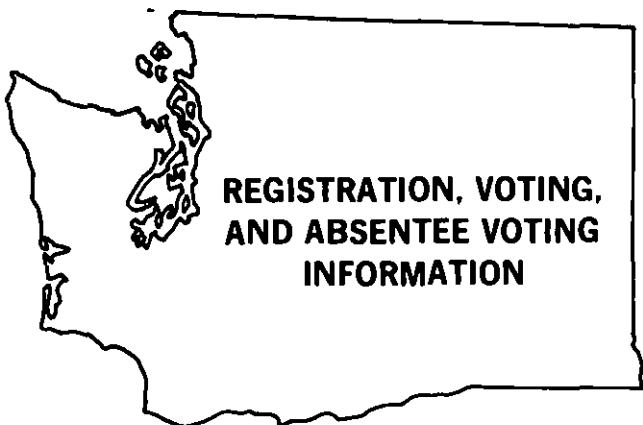


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Important 1978 Election Dates*

Primary Election

Registration Deadline ..August 19, 1978

Election DateSeptember 19, 1978

Absentee RequestAugust 4, through
Period September 18, 1978

General Election

Registration Deadline ..October 7, 1978

Election DateNovember 7, 1978

Absentee RequestSeptember 22,
Period through November 6,
1978

*These dates apply to 1978 only!

Qualifications for Registration and Voting

To register and vote in Washington State you must:

- 1) Be a citizen of the United States, by birth or naturalization;
- 2) Be 18 years of age or within 30 days of majority at the time you registered;
- 3) Be registered 30 days before an election.

Where to Register

- 1) The county courthouse - you may register at the auditor's office or the Department of Records and Elections in King County only.
- 2) Your local city hall - all city clerks are authorized to register voters; and
- 3) Any deputy registrar in the county - you may check with the auditor's or elections office to learn the location of the nearest registrar. During registration drives volunteer organizations will supply deputy registrars at shopping centers, libraries, school buildings, and rural locations.

Determining Your Residence for Voting Purposes

State law (RCW 29.01.140) defines residence for the purposes of registering and voting as a person's permanent address where he or she physically resides and maintains his or her abode. Place of business may not be used as your voting residence unless the business is in your home.

You may establish residence in one county and subsequently move to another location either within or outside the state without changing your residence for voting purposes if:

- 1) You intend to return to your initial residence; and
- 2) Your move is for a temporary period, regardless of duration; and
- 3) You do not intend to establish residence and do not register to vote in your new location.

Maintaining Your Registration Record

Any voter, who either has not voted at least once during the previous 24 months or in the last presidential election will have his or her registration cancelled. If your registration is cancelled, you are unable to vote until you reregister.

When to Vote

Primary Elections: The third Tuesday of September.

General Elections: The first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

Special Elections:

- A) The first Tuesday after the first Monday in February.
- B) The second Tuesday in March.
- C) The first Tuesday after the first Monday in April.
- D) The third Tuesday in May.
- E) Recall elections and other special elections may be held at other times. Notice of all elections will appear in a newspaper of general circulation within your county.

Absentee Voting

Any registered voter unable to go to his or her polling place on election day may vote by absentee ballot.

You must submit a written request to your county auditor for an absentee ballot during the 45 day period ending the **day before an election**. The request must include the address to which your ballot should be sent **and** the request must include your signature as it appears on registration records.

When you receive your ballot, mark it and return it to your county auditor as directed in the accompanying instructions. Place **no extra marks** on your ballot or on the plain envelope. The form on the outer envelope must be completed, the oath must be signed, and **the envelope must be postmarked no later than the date of the election in order to be counted**.



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