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HAVE YOU MOVED RECENTLY?



. . . If so, you need to change your voter registration. If you are not registered to vote, this may be the time to do so.

Because you have just moved, you now must change your voter registration record. If your old and new residences are both in the same county, you can merely transfer your registration. If your last residence was in a different county or different state, you must register anew.

TRANSFERS

Transferring your registration is very easy. Just send a letter requesting the transfer to the county auditor.* The request must include your old and new addresses, and your old and new precincts if known, and it must be signed as your name appears on your voter registration record (use “Mary Ann Jones,” not “Mrs. John Jones” for example). If a wife and husband request transfers, both must sign the letter. You also may transfer your registration in person at the county auditor’s office or at your city or town clerk’s office.

NEW REGISTRATION

If you have moved from one county to another within Washington or if you have moved to Washington from another state, you must complete a new registration. This registration must be done in person at the county auditor’s office,* your city or town clerk’s office, or with a deputy registrar close to your new residence. Call the county auditor’s office* to locate a deputy registrar near you. If you have moved from one Washington county to another and you were registered at your former residence, you will be asked to sign a form authorizing your former county auditor to cancel your registration.

* In King County: Department of Records and Elections.

WHEN TO REGISTER AND VOTE

You may register to vote or transfer your registration at any time. However, to be eligible to vote in your new precinct you must register or transfer thirty or more days before an election. The registration deadlines for 1979 and 1980 are as follows:

Election	Deadline	Election Date
1979 Primary	August 18	September 18
1979 General	October 6	November 6
1980 Primary	August 16	September 16
1980 General	October 4	November 4

Special elections can be called during late winter or spring. The times for these elections are:

- (1) The first Tuesday after the first Monday in February;
- (2) The second Tuesday in March;
- (3) The first Tuesday after the first Monday in April;
- (4) The third Tuesday in May.

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 post-marked no later than the date of the election in order to be counted.



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