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Election Day: November 7, 2017

Polls are open 7:00am - 8:00pm



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WHY SHOULD I VOTE?

Here in the U.S., it's your right to cast a ballot. Whether you are interested in school improvements, better roads, or lower taxes; whether your priority is immigration reform or loosening restrictions on small businesses; whether you're concerned about government accountability, environmental protection, or U.S. foreign policy- the ballot box is where you get to choose your city priorities, your state laws, and our federal policies.

DEADLINES

Voter registration deadline: October 18, 2017

Absentee application deadline: November 6, 2017

Absentee ballot deadline: November 7, 2017

HOW TO VOTE

To find out if you are eligible to vote in Massachusetts, for information on how to register to vote, to find your polling place, and to access online forms, please visit the Secretary of State's website at <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/index.htm>.

DO I NEED AN ID TO VOTE?

According to Massachusetts state law, you may be required to present identification if:

- You are a first time voter in Massachusetts;
- You are on an inactive voter list;
- You are casting a provisional or challenged ballot;
- The poll worker has a reasonable suspicion that leads them to request identification.

Acceptable forms of identification must include your name and the address you are registered to vote at. This includes: a driver's license, state-issued ID card, recent utility bill, rent receipt, lease, a copy of a voter registration affidavit, or any other printed identification which contains the voter's name and address.

Outside of these instances, you do not need to have identification; however, it is better to have some form of identification with you when you go to vote.

EARLY VOTING

Early voting is available in Massachusetts for biennial state elections and will be available for the November 6, 2018 State election.

ABSENTEE VOTING

Massachusetts allows voters to vote by absentee ballot if they are not able to make it to the polls on Election Day. Absentee ballots must be requested in writing by either the voter or the voter's family member and must be received no later than 12 p.m the day before the election for which the ballot is being requested. You can find contact information for your local election officials here: <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/eleclk/clkidx.htm>.

*SPECIAL ELECTIONS

There are a number of special elections in Massachusetts in 2017. Election Day for the Bristol & Norfolk Senatorial District is October 17, 2017. The voter registration deadline for this special election is September 27, 2017. Visit the Secretary of State's website for more information on special elections: <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/elespeif/speifidx.htm>

RESOURCES

For more information on voting in your state please visit www.aaiusa.org/massachusetts.