

ARAB AMERICAN INSTITUTE

Election Day: November 4, 2014
Polls are open 7:00am - 8:00pm



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WHY SHOULD I VOTE?

Over the last 5 years, you've watched people all over the world put their lives at stake to elect their governments, to hold accountable those in office, and to make sure that the interests of the people guide the actions of the state. 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 15, 2014**

Absentee ballot request deadline: **November 3, 2014**

Absentee ballot deadline: **November 4, 2014**

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 www.sec.state.ma.us/ele or call 1-800-462-8683.

WHO IS RUNNING?

For information on candidates please view the full Yalla Vote 2014 Massachusetts Voter Guide available online at www.aaiusa.org/pages/yalla-vote-2014-voter-guides.

DO I NEED AN ID TO VOTE?

If an individual registered to vote by mail on or after January 1, 2003, they will be required to show identification when he or she votes for the first time in a federal election if they did not send in a copy of their identification with their mail-in voter registration form.

- Driver's license or state-issued ID card
- Current utility bill
- Bank statement
- Paycheck
- Government check
- other government documents showing name and address

EARLY VOTING

While some states allow voters to cast their ballot in-person ahead of Election Day, Massachusetts does not. However, thanks to legislation signed this year by Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick, Massachusetts will begin providing early polling places for voters in 2016.

ABSENTEE VOTING

Massachusetts allows voters to vote by absentee ballot if they are not able to make it to the polls on Election Day. Although the deadline to apply for absentee ballots is noon the day before the election, voters should apply as soon as practicable. An application form is available at your local election office or you may download one of the applications online at www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/elepdf/absentee_ballot.pdf. Completed ballots must be received by the time the polls close on Election Day. If you are voting from outside the United States, your completed absentee ballot must be postmarked on or before Election Day.