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Primary Election Day: September 4, 2018

General Election Day: November 6, 2018

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



WHY SHOULD I VOTE?

In the United States, 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 for Primary: August 15, 2018

Mailed absentee ballot application deadline for Primary: August 14, 2018

Absentee ballot receipt deadline for Primary: August 15, 2018

Voter registration deadline for General: Oct. 17, 2018

Mailed absentee ballot application deadline for General: Nov. 5, 2018

Absentee ballot receipt deadline for General: Nov. 6, 2018

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 the Commonwealth's website at <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/> or call 1-800-462-VOTE (8683).

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 which you are registered to vote. This includes:

- Massachusetts driver's license
- State-issued ID card
- Recent utility bill
- Recent rent receipt
- Lease
- A copy of a voter registration affidavit
- 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. Learn more here: <https://bit.ly/2iCP3nj>.

EARLY VOTING

Early voting is available in Massachusetts for biennial state elections. Early voting is not available for the Primary Election. For the General Election, early voting will be available from October 22-November 2, 2018. Each local election office will publish their early voting location and hours at least seven (7) days prior to the election.

ABSENTEE VOTING

Massachusetts allows voting by absentee ballot if voters are unable 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 12pm the day before the election for which the ballot is being requested. Applications can be submitted in-person, by mail, fax, or email to your local elections office. You can find contact information for your local election officials here: <https://bit.ly/1gR7zOT>. More information about absentee voting is available here: <https://bit.ly/2cbQNDK>.

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