

PROVISIONAL BALLOTS

- The provisional ballot is designed to make sure no one is turned away at the polls.
- **Provisional ballots are issued in the following circumstances:**
 - ◇ Your name is not in the voter registration database.
 - ◇ You moved but you did not update your address for voting.
 - ◇ **The database shows that you requested or received a mail-in ballot or that you already voted in this election.** Your provisional ballot will only count if you did not vote by mail-in ballot or did not already vote.
 - ◇ During early voting you tried to register or change your address but your eligibility was not determined at that time. You have until 10 AM on the 8th day following the election to prove where you live to the local BOE.
 - ◇ You did not provide ID when asked. You have until 10 AM on the 8th day following the election to prove your identity.
 - ◇ You did not provide your driver's license number or last four digits of your Social Security Number on your voter registration application. You have until 10 AM on the 8th day following the election to prove your identity.
 - ◇ Someone challenged your right to vote. If your local BOE determines you are who you say you are, your ballot will count. It is advisable to provide ID to the local BOE by 10 AM on the 8th day following the election.
 - ◇ A court ordered a vote center to stay open late. In this case, all ballots cast during the extra hours will be by provisional ballot.
- After the election, you can verify if your provisional ballot was counted, and if not, why, by using the Maryland State BOE voter look-up website.
- A provisional ballot will be considered valid if the local BOE is able to verify that the voter is registered and eligible to vote in Maryland.
- A valid provisional ballot is counted even if it will not change the outcome of the election.

FAQS

- The Secure and Accessible Registration Act (aka "Automatic Voter Registration") passed the Maryland General Assembly in 2018. Now that infrastructure has been implemented, MD citizens will be automatically registered through certain agencies unless they choose to opt out.
- The Maryland Election Day Voter Registration Amendment passed during the 2018 Maryland General Assembly and as a referendum on the 2018 General Election ballot. This allows Maryland residents to register to vote on Election Day beginning in 2020. The Maryland General Assembly passed additional legislation during the 2019 legislative session to put this process in place. Individuals appearing at a vote center on Election Day with the intention to register to vote must provide proof of residency as described in the Voter ID section. If the voter is a resident of the county and is qualified to register to vote, the voter is issued a ballot.



STATE OF MARYLAND – VOTER BILL OF RIGHTS

November 2020 General Election – Anne Arundel County Edition

PREPARE TO EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE

1. Register to vote (see Voter Registration section)
2. Check your registration status: voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch or by calling the AA County Board of Elections at (410) 222-6600.
3. Check to see if you need ID (see Voter ID section)
4. Know where your vote center is and the hours of operation: aacounty.org/vote
5. Decide how you will vote: by mail-in ballot, at early voting or on election day
6. Learn about the candidates and ballot questions: VOTE411.org or lwvaacmd.org/vg
7. Take your time, read the ballot carefully, follow all instructions and vote for the correct number of candidates for each office.
8. Ask an election judge for help if you have any questions.

IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

Deadline to register to vote for 2020 General Election: Tuesday, October 13*
BOE must receive mail-in ballot application: October 20 (by mail & electronically)
In-person early voting: Monday, October 26 – Monday, November 2, 7am to 8pm
Election Day: **Tuesday, November 3**, 7am to 8pm
*You may register to vote in-person during early voting and on Election Day

VOTER ID

- You have a right to know why you are being asked to show ID.
- You will be asked to provide identification if you are a first-time voter and you registered by mail and did not provide a valid form of identification.
- You are registering to vote or changing your address during early voting period
- Acceptable identification includes photo and non-photo ID (if photo not available)
 - ◇ Maryland driver's license or MVA-issued identification
 - ◇ Student ID card or Employee ID that includes a photo
 - ◇ Passport or other government-issued ID
 - ◇ Utility bill, bank statement, government check or paycheck that is not older than 3 months.



VOTER REGISTRATION

To register to vote in Maryland, you must be:

- A U.S. citizen
- A Maryland resident*
- At least 16 years of age**

You must **NOT** be:

- Currently incarcerated for a felony conviction***
- Convicted of buying or selling votes
- Under guardianship for mental disability and found by a court to be unable to communicate the desire to vote

*You may vote if you are homeless provided you can show that you live and receive mail in Maryland.

**You may vote in the General Election if you will be 18 years of age before or on November 3, 2020.

***When the court-ordered sentence of imprisonment for a felony is complete, your voting rights are restored but you must register to vote.

Ways to Register to Vote before or on October 13, 2020

- Online - by using Maryland's online voter registration system voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/OnlineVoterRegistration/InstructionsStep1
- In person - complete and sign a voter registration application at the Anne Arundel BOE, 6740 Baymeadow Drive, Glen Burnie, MD 21060 Phone: (410) 222-6600
- In person - at service centers [MDOT Motor Vehicle Administration ("MVA")] or state agencies providing public assistance (Dept. of Health & Mental Hygiene, Dept. of Social Services, Offices on Aging, Public Higher Education Institutions, Military Recruitment Offices, Marriage License Offices) or agencies providing services to people with disabilities (MTA Paratransit Certification Office)
- By mail – complete and sign a voter registration application and mail it to the State or local BOE at PO Box 490, Glen Burnie, MD 21060. Must be postmarked October 13, 2020

Ways to Register to Vote after October 13, 2020

- In person - at an early voting center during the early voting period
- In person - at your vote center on Election Day

MAIL-IN BALLOTS (formerly known as "ABSENTEE BALLOTS")

- You have a right to vote in the General Election using a mail-in ballot. No special conditions need to be met.
- A mail-in ballot may be requested from the Maryland BOE website, voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/onlinemailrequest, by texting VOTE to 77788, or in person at the Anne Arundel County BOE
- The completed **application must be received**, not just postmarked, in the BOE office, on October 20, 2020 (by mail or electronically).
- The BOE mailed each eligible, active voter an application for a mail-in ballot for the 2020 General Election along with a postage paid return envelope.

- **If you did not receive a ballot application, go online to <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch> to check your registration status or call the Anne Arundel BOE at (410) 222-6600.**
- Anyone needing help completing a mail-in ballot application should call the League of Women Voters of Maryland (410-269-0232).
- The BOE will begin sending mail-in ballots to voters in late September 2020.
- Status of mail-in ballots can be tracked online here: <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch>
- Follow the mail-in ballot instructions carefully. You must sign an oath that accompanies the ballot. Failure to complete the return envelope correctly may result in your ballot not being counted.
- **A ballot submitted by mail must be postmarked on or before November 3** and received by the local BOE by 10 AM on November 13, the 10th day following the election.
- A voter may hand-deliver a mail-in ballot to the Anne Arundel County BOE office or deposit it in one of 32 secure drop boxes located throughout the county. **Hand-delivered ballots must be returned no later than 8 PM on November 3** to be counted.
- Go to aaccounty.org/vote for locations of secure dropboxes.

VOTING IN PERSON AT EARLY VOTING AND ON ELECTION DAY

Your Rights At the Voting Center

- If you are told you are not on the list of registered voters, ask the election judge to check again on the Maryland state list. If you are not on either list, ask for a provisional ballot so that you can cast a ballot. Only a challenger/watcher can challenge your identity. If you are able to provide ID to prove your identity, you should be able to cast a regular ballot. If not, insist on a provisional ballot.
- If you are being denied the right to vote, you have the right to know why. Before leaving the vote center, ask the Chief Election Judge to provide you with a written explanation.
- If you make a mistake on your ballot, you have a right to a new ballot, but you must ask before you cast your ballot. You have a right to two replacement ballots.
- You have a right to ask for help in the voting booth. Ask an election judge for assistance. No one should influence your voting in any way.
- You have a right to a translation of all ballots and other elections materials. You have a right to bring an interpreter with you or get assistance from anyone you choose, provided the person is not your employer, an agent of your employer, an officer or agent of your labor union, or a candidate on the ballot. Ask an election judge for assistance.
- You have a right to have your children, under the age of 18, accompany you throughout the voting process.
- **If you have a complaint, ask to see the Chief Election Judge(s). You may also contact the local BOE, Maryland State BOE, or the ACLU.**