STATE OF WASHINGTON
SECRETARY OF STATE

Mail-In Voter Registration Instructions

Voter Registration & Voting

Voter qualifications

To register to vote in the state of Washington, you must be:

- **A citizen of the United States**
- **A legal resident of Washington state**
- **At least 18 years old by Election Day**

If you have been convicted of a felony, you must have your rights restored before you register to vote.

In the state of Washington, you do not have to register by political party.

Registration deadlines

You can register to vote by sending in a completed Mail-in Voter Registration Form at least thirty days before a primary or election. Additionally, you may register in person by going to your county elections department up to fifteen days before a primary or election.

If you have moved or changed your name, you may use the Mail-in Voter Registration Form to update your existing voter registration.

Change of residence

If you move to a **new** county, you must complete a new voter registration.

If you move within the same county, you do not need to re-register, but you must request a transfer of your registration. This can be done by using a Mail-In Registration Form, or by calling or writing your county elections department.

*NOTE: You must transfer your registration at least **30 days** before the election to be eligible to vote in your new precinct.*

Keep your registration up-to-date!

If we do not have your current name or address, you may not be able to vote in the next election. Use the Mail-In Registration Form to send your name or address change.

Voting by absentee ballot

Any registered voter may vote by absentee ballot. You do not need to be ill or "absent" to be an absentee voter.

You may request an absentee ballot as early as 90 days before an election. (No absentee ballots are issued on Election Day except to hospitalized voters or replacement ballots for lost or destroyed absentees.) **The request for an absentee ballot must be made to your County Auditor or elections department.**

Using the Mail-In Voter Registration Form

You can use the Mail-In Registration Form to:

- Sign up to vote in Washington state
- Update your registration if you move to a new address or change your name
- Apply to become an ongoing absentee voter

Please complete all sections. Once you have signed the completed form, place it in an envelope and mail it to:

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
VOTER REGISTRATION BY MAIL
PO BOX 40230
OLYMPIA, WA 98504-0230

If you are qualified and the information on your form is complete, you will be mailed a voter registration card which will identify your voting precinct.

***Important** – See the "Registration Deadlines' and "Change of Residence" sections at left.*

One-time absentee ballot requests may be made either by phone, fax or mail. You may also sign up to automatically receive an absentee ballot before each election. Just check the "Yes" box in the Ongoing Absentee Voter Request section of the Mail-In Voter Registration Form.

NOTE: Absentee ballots must be signed, postmarked, or delivered to the county election officer **on or before Election Day**.

Questions? Information and assistance is available online at http://www.secstate.wa.gov or through the Secretary of State's toll free Voter Information Hotline at **1-800-448-4881 (**TDD 1-800-422-8683).

You can find your County Auditor or County Elections Department under Government Listings in your telephone directory, or see the County Auditors List on the Secretary of State's web site: http://www.secstate.wa.gov/elections/

Mail-In Voter Registration Form

Washington Secretary of State

You may use this form to:

- **Register to vote in Washington state;**
- **Update your registration if you move;**
- **Change your name;**
- **Request ongoing absentee ballots.**

Please complete all the information in boxes **1** through **10** on the voter registration form below. **Be sure to include your signature in box 10**. Once you have filled out this form, fold on the dotted lines, seal the flap, and mail.

If you are physically unable to sign this form, please mark an X in box 10 and have the person who assisted you in completing this form complete box 11.

If submitting this form by mail and you are registering to vote for the first time in this state, and did not enter any information in box 1 A, or B you must provide a copy of one of the following:

- Current photo ID
- Current utility bill
- Bank statement
- Government check
- Paycheck
- Or other government document that shows your name and address.

Use Black Pen - Please Print Clearly ☐ **NAME CHANGE** ☐ **ADDRESS CHANGE IN WASHINGTON** ☐ **NEW REGISTRATION IN WASHINGTON**

NOTE: Do not complete this form if you are not a U.S. Citizen

Will you be at least 18 years of age or older on or before election day? ◯ YES ◯ NO

Are you a Citizen of the United States? ◯ YES ◯ NO

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Federal & State Law require you to provide your WA Driver's License or WA ID Card#.
If you do not have a WA Driver's License or ID Card, provide the last 4 digits of your Social Security number.

1 **A** WA Driver's License # | **B** Last 4 Digits / SSN | **C** ◯ **Check here if you do not have a WA Drivers License, ID card, or SSN.** | **3** Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year)

2 Last Name | ◯ Male ◯ Female | Daytime Phone Number ( )

4 First Name | M.I. | ◯ Jr. ◯ II ◯ Sr. ◯ III | E-Mail Address (Optional)

5 Washington Residential Address (Required) | City or Town | ZIP Code

6 Mailing Address Where You Get Your Mail (If different from above) | City or Town | State | ZIP Code

7 **Check any that apply!**
◯ Military Domestic ◯ Military Foreign ◯ National Guard / Reserves ◯ U.S. Citizen Overseas

8 **ONGOING ABSENTEE REQUEST**
I would like to receive absentee ballots for all future elections
◯ **YES** ◯ **NO**

9 I was previously registered under this name and/or address:

NAME _____

STREET _____ COUNTY _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Sign as Previously Registered

X

WARNING: If you knowingly provide false information on this voter registration form or knowingly make a false declaration about your qualifications for voter registration you will have committed a class C felony that is punishable by imprisonment for up to five years, or by a fine of up to ten thousand dollars, or both imprisonment and fine. (RCW 29A.08.210)

10 **VOTER DECLARATION**

"By signing this document, I hereby assert, under penalty of perjury, that I am legally eligible to vote. If I am found to have voted illegally, I may be prosecuted and/or fined for this illegal act. In addition, I hereby acknowledge that my name and last known address will be forwarded to the appropriate state and/or Federal authorities if I am found to have voted illegally." (RCW 29A.08.210)

"I declare that the facts on this voter registration form are true:

- I am a citizen of the United States;
- I am not presently denied my civil rights as a result of being convicted of a felony;
- I will have lived in Washington at this address for thirty days immediately before the next election at which I vote;
- I will be at least eighteen years old when I vote."

(RCW 29A.08.230)

SIGN OR MARK IN THE BOX

X

11 If you are physically unable to sign your name, please have the person who assisted you in completing this form provide the following.

NAME

ADDRESS

DATE SIGNED: ____ / ____ / ____
Month/Day/Year

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