

# TEXAS NATIVES VOTE

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USE THIS VOTER GUIDE TO GET OUT THE VOTE IN TEXAS!



## ELECTION DATES AND DEADLINES

### TEXAS PRIMARY ELECTIONS

**Tuesday, March 1, 2022**

#### Important deadlines:

The deadline to register for the primary elections has passed, as well as the deadline to request a mail-in ballot.

Early in-person voting for the primary elections began Monday, February 14 and will end Friday, February 25.

### TEXAS GENERAL ELECTIONS

**Tuesday, November 8, 2022**

#### Important deadlines:

You must be registered to vote by Friday, October 7, in order to vote in the general election. The deadline to request a mail-in ballot for the general elections is Friday, October 28. Early in-person voting for the general election will begin Monday, October 24, and will end Friday, November 4..

## STEP 1: REGISTERING TO VOTE

### Am I eligible to register to vote in Texas?

So long as you are over 18, a U.S. citizen, a resident of Texas, and not currently on probation or parole for a felony conviction, you can register to vote in Texas's statewide and federal elections.

### Can I vote if I've been convicted of a crime?

If you have been convicted (found guilty) of a felony, you may not vote until you have completed any prison time and are no longer on probation or parole. Then, you may re-register prior to voting.

### How do I know if I'm already registered?

You can check whether you're registered at [teamrv-mvp.sos.texas.gov/MVP/mvp.do](https://teamrv-mvp.sos.texas.gov/MVP/mvp.do)

To locate your registration record, you will need your date of birth and either: Your name and the name of the county where you live; OR your Texas Voter Unique Identifier (VUID); OR your Texas driver's license number (TDL).

Even if you have registered in Texas before, you must update your registration any time your name or address changes. If your old address is in a different county than your new address, you should complete this update at least 30 days before the election in which you wish to vote. To update your registration, either visit [txapps.texas.gov/tolapp/sos/SOSACManager](https://txapps.texas.gov/tolapp/sos/SOSACManager) or contact the registrar of the county where you'll be living on Election Day.

### How Do I Register to Vote?

#### OPTION ONE:

Register online at [vrapp.sos.state.tx.us/index.asp](https://vrapp.sos.state.tx.us/index.asp)

The form will request your Texas driver's license number, Texas non-driver's ID number, or the last four digits of your social security number. If you do not have any of the three, you should check the box saying so and complete the rest of the form. However, you cannot use your Tribal ID number for this purpose. The form will also request your residential address. If you do not have a residential address, provide an address at which you can receive mail, and a brief description of the location where you actually live.

#### OPTION TWO:

Request that a voter registration application be mailed to you at [vrrequest.sos.state.tx.us/index.asp](https://vrrequest.sos.state.tx.us/index.asp)

Complete the application and use the accompanying prepaid envelope to return it to your county registrar.

#### OPTION THREE:

Visit your county registrar's office to register in person.

# STEP 2: CASTING YOUR BALLOT

## What can I use as voter ID?

In Texas, any voter may vote in person either on Election Day or during the early voting period. Only voters who fall within certain limited exceptions may vote by mail. You will need to provide qualifying voter ID any time you vote.

- ✓ A Texas driver's license
- ✓ A Texas Election Identification Certificate (Note that this is not the same as your voter registration certificate.)
- ✓ A Texas personal (non-driver's) identification card
- ✓ Your American passport
- ✓ A Texas handgun license
- ✓ A United States military identification card which includes your photograph
- ✓ A United States passport

## What if I don't have any of these forms of ID?

If you do not have any of the forms of ID listed above, you'll need to follow a two-step process in order to cast your ballot.

## STEP 1

### ***Provide one form of qualifying "supporting" ID***

"Supporting" ID includes: your birth certificate, a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, or paycheck with your name on it, or any government document that shows your name and an address. Your Tribal ID will work for this purpose so long as it lists an address. Your voter registration certificate will work, too.

## STEP 2

### ***Complete a "Reasonable Impediment Declaration"***

You'll need to choose which of the "impediments" listed on the declaration prevented you from obtaining a voter ID. Pick the option which best applies to your situation, but know that no one at the polling place is allowed to challenge your reason.

You can view a blank version of this declaration at

[www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms/pol-sub/reasonable-impediment-declaration.pdf](http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms/pol-sub/reasonable-impediment-declaration.pdf)

## I was asked to vote with a "provisional ballot." What does that mean?

If you voted with a provisional ballot, you must go to your county registrar's office within six days of Election Day to "cure" your ballot. If you don't cure your ballot within six days, your vote will not be counted. You were most likely required to vote with a provisional ballot because you did not have voter ID or an acceptable substitute when you went to your polling place. In order to cure your provisional ballot, you'll need to provide the registrar with either qualifying voter ID (see above), or supporting ID plus a Reasonable Impediment Declaration (see above).

For help on Election Day, contact **866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683)**, NARF election protection volunteers will be available to assist voters in Indian Country.

You can also contact us by email: [vote@narf.org](mailto:vote@narf.org).

# HOW CAN I VOTE IN KANSAS ELECTIONS?

## **ELECTION DAY IN-PERSON VOTING:**

Bring an appropriate voter ID and your voter registration certificate. Find your polling place at [teamrv-mvp.sos.texas.gov/MVP/mvp.do](https://teamrv-mvp.sos.texas.gov/MVP/mvp.do)

If you live on Alabama-Coushatta tribal lands (Polk County) or Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo tribal lands (El Paso County), you may vote at any polling place in your county. If you live on Kickapoo tribal lands (Maverick County), you must vote at the polling place assigned to your particular precinct. Your voter registration certificate will tell you what your precinct number is. If you live in a different county in Texas, check the list available at [www.sos.texas.gov/elections/laws/countywide-polling-place-program.shtml](https://www.sos.texas.gov/elections/laws/countywide-polling-place-program.shtml). If your county is listed, you may vote at any polling place in your county. If it's not, you'll need to visit the one which corresponds to your precinct number.

## **IN-PERSON EARLY VOTING:**

Any registered voter may vote in person during the early voting period without an excuse or explanation. Even if you live in a county with precinct-specific Election Day polling places, you may vote at any location within the county during the early voting period. Find your early voting locations at [teamrv-mvp.sos.texas.gov/MVP/mvp.do](https://teamrv-mvp.sos.texas.gov/MVP/mvp.do) (polling place information will be posted two days before early voting begins), by checking your county's elections website, or contacting your county elections office directly.

## **ABSENTEE (MAIL-IN) VOTING**

You may only vote by mail if you are over the age of 65; OR you are sick or disabled in a way that prevents you from voting in person without needing personal assistance or endangering your health; OR you expect to give birth within three weeks before or three weeks after Election Day; OR you will be outside the county on Election Day; OR you are confined to jail and meet other important qualifications (see Texas Elections Code Section 82.004).

### ***Applying for a mail-in ballot***

Before each election in which you plan to vote by mail, you must submit a completed absentee ballot application to your county clerk. This application is available at [webservices.sos.state.tx.us/forms/5-15f.pdf](https://webservices.sos.state.tx.us/forms/5-15f.pdf). You must apply for your mail-in ballot no later than 11 days before Election Day.

### ***Returning your mail-in ballot***

Mail your completed ballot to your county elections office, ensuring that it is received no later than 7 pm on Election Day, OR return your ballot to your county clerk in person on Election Day before the polls close.

### ***Track your ballot***

After you vote, you can track your ballot at [teamrv-mvp.sos.texas.gov/BallotTrackerApp/#/login](https://teamrv-mvp.sos.texas.gov/BallotTrackerApp/#/login)

## **My neighbor/friend/family member isn't able to return their ballot to a post office or drop box themselves. May I deposit their ballot instead?**

Be extremely careful before returning someone else's ballot. Under Texas law, it is a crime to do so unless you and the voter live in the same dwelling, are legally married, or share a very close (such as parent-child, sibling, grandparent-grandchild) family relationship.

## IDENTIFYING YOUR COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICE AND OFFICIALS

TRIBAL LANDS OF..	COUNTY OR COUNTIES	COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICE ADDRESS(ES) AND CONTACT INFORMATION
Alabama-Coushatta Tribe (Reservation and Off- Reservation Trust Land)	Polk County	Website: <a href="http://www.co.polk.tx.us/page/polk.co.clerk.election">www.co.polk.tx.us/page/polk.co.clerk.election</a>
Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas (reservation and off reservation trust land)	Maverick County	Main elections office number: (830)-757-4175
Ysleta del Sur Pueblo (Reservation and Off- Reservation Trust Land)	El Paso County	Website: <a href="http://epcountyvotes.com/">epcountyvotes.com/</a>