

WHO CAN VOTE

Can I vote in Minnesota?

To be eligible to register and vote, you have to meet all of the following qualifications:

- (1) Be a U.S. citizen;
- (2) Be at least 18 years old on Election Day;
- (3) Lived in Minnesota for 20 days immediately before the election;
- (4) Not currently serving a sentence for a felony*
- (5) Not under court-ordered guardianship where a court has revoked your voting rights; and
- (6) Not been ruled legally incompetent by a court.

*You are not in prison, or on probation or supervision for a felony

What if I'm a student?

- You can register to vote at whatever address you consider your primary residence, your school address or home address.

What if I've been convicted of a crime?

- If you were convicted of a misdemeanor, you **can** vote, even if you are in jail.
- If you were convicted of a felony, you **can** vote once you complete your entire sentence, including probation or parole. Once that is complete, make sure you register to vote.

What if I'm homeless?

- You don't need a home to vote. If you want to pre-register, list where you usually stay or sleep, like a shelter, park bench or any place you return to regularly. If you can't receive mail there, the election judge will ask some questions on Election Day when you go to vote. Once you sign a statement saying that you're eligible, you'll be able to vote.
- If want to register and vote on Election Day and you stay in a shelter, you can either bring someone who works there or a registered voter who lives in your precinct and can vouch for you. They will sign a statement confirming you stay at the shelter or reside in the precinct.

What if I've moved or changed my name?

- Re-register every time you move or change your name.
- If you did not have time to update your registration, you can still register and vote on Election Day.

What if someone challenges my right to vote?

- Your right to vote may be challenged if an election judge, a person designated by a political party or another voter believes that you are not eligible to vote. The challenger must have personal knowledge that you are unable to vote.
- If this happens, an election judge will ask questions to see if you are eligible to vote. If your answers show you are, you'll sign a form and then can vote. If the judge determines that you are not eligible, you won't be allowed to vote.
- If you refuse to answer the questions or sign the form, you won't be allowed to vote even if you leave and return later because you changed your mind.

What if I have any other problems?

- Ask for an election judge at your polling place. If they are unable to help, call one of the hotlines below. Nonprofit groups may have poll watchers outside, and political parties may have a designated person inside polling locations. If any of these people ask you who you voted for or cannot help, call your local election official or the Minnesota Secretary of State.

MORE INFORMATION

Election Protection Hotline:

866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683)

Minnesota Secretary of State:

(877) 600-8683 or www.mnvotes.org

U.S. Department of Justice Voting Section:

(800) 253-3931

Spanish: 1-888-VE-Y-VOTA / 1-888-839-8682

Arabic: 1-844-YALLA-US / 1-844-925-5287

Bengali, Cantonese, Hindi, Urdu, Korean, Mandarin, Tagalog, Vietnamese: 1-888-API-VOTE / 1-888-274-8683

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KNOW YOUR VOTING RIGHTS

This card is designed to help protect your right to vote!

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020

The American Civil Liberties Union of Minnesota (ACLU-MN) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to defending liberty and equality for all Minnesotans. We do not endorse or oppose any candidate or party. We believe that no civil liberty is more important in our democracy than the right to vote.

QUICK TIPS FOR VOTERS

- ❑ Check your voter registration status by calling 877-600-VOTE (877-600-8683) or going to: mnvotes.org
- ❑ Locate your polling place and check the hours of operation by calling 877-600-VOTE (877-600-8683) or going to mnvotes.org
- ❑ Consider voting early if you are can. If you plan to vote at the polls, go early that day to avoid the last-minute rush.
- ❑ You can register and vote on Election Day, as long as you bring a document(s) that proves your identity and you live in the precinct where you are voting. If you've registered before Election Day, you do NOT need to bring proof of residency to vote. Learn more about accepted registration documents on the inside of this brochure.
- ❑ Read all instructions carefully and ask for help if you need it.
- ❑ Take your time. However, note that election judges are allowed to tell you how long you may spend in the voting booth.

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How do I know if I'm registered?

- Check your registration status at <https://bit.ly/2TbGPVU> or call **877-600-VOTE**.

VOTING EARLY

Can I vote before Election Day?

- Yes! Voters who choose to vote in person are urged to vote early at their local elections office through Monday, Nov. 2. Find your county elections office at: <https://bit.ly/3m4qBu2>.
- Some voters in densely populated regions of the state may have access to other early voting locations. To see the locations in your area, go here: <https://bit.ly/2lFxi7v>

VOTING ON ELECTION DAY

When is Election Day?

- Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020.

When are the polls open?

- 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. If you are in line when the polls close, don't leave — you have the right to vote.

Can I get time off from work to vote?

- Yes. You have the right to take time to go to your polling place, vote and return to work on Election Day. Your employer is not allowed to punish you for it.

Where do I vote?

- On Election Day, vote at your assigned polling place.
- If you aren't sure where to vote, find that info here: <https://bit.ly/2lNhyQ4> or call 877-600-VOTE .

What if I need help in the voting booth?

- If you need help because of a physical disability or because you can't read the ballot, tell an election judge. You have the right to receive help from election judges or someone the election judges choose, or someone you choose, as long as that person is not your employer, an agent of your employer, or an officer or agent of your labor union. If you need instructions on the voting equipment, ask an election judge. They are required to help you at any time—even after you've entered the voting booth.

What if I am disabled and my polling place is not accessible?

- If you find this out before Election Day, contact your county auditor right away and ask for accommodation. You have the right to an accessible polling place and voting machine. Or you can request an absentee ballot.
- Send someone into the polling place to request curbside voting for you. Election judges will bring a ballot out.
- Ask an election judge for help or to bring someone to assist you. You have the right to have anyone assist you who is not your employer, an agent of your employer, or an officer or agent of your labor union.

VOTER ID

Do I have to show ID?

- Probably not. Most voters won't need to show ID. You may be asked to show ID if you registered by mail, didn't provide ID when you registered and this is your first time voting in a federal election in Minnesota.

What ID should I bring to the polls on Election Day?

- If you're registering and voting on Election Day (or at the same time that you early vote), you will need to show proof that you live in the precinct. Accepted proofs of residency include a valid:
 - (1) Minnesota driver's license, learner's permit, Minnesota ID card or receipt;
 - (2) Student ID card with your photo*
 - (3) A Tribal ID card with your photo, signature and address;
 - (4) A valid voter registration in the same precinct under a different name or address;
 - (5) A notice of late registration sent to you by your county auditor or city clerk;
 - (6) A voter registered in the same precinct as you who can confirm your address by vouching for you and signing a statement;
 - (7) An employee of the residential facility where you live who can confirm your address by signing an oath**;
 - (8) Or both an expired MN federal photo ID (i.e driver's license) AND a current utility bill (i.e. phone bill) dated within 30 days of Nov. 3 with your current name and address.

* If your college has provided a student housing list to election officials

**This includes a shelter, residential treatment program, nursing home, assisted living, etc.

ISSUES AT THE POLLS

What if I'm not on the voter list?

- Ask an election judge to check the list again and to confirm that you're at the right polling place.
- If you're at the right polling place but your name isn't on the voter list, ask for a voter registration application. You can register right there at the polls and vote immediately after you register.

What if I go to the wrong polling place?

- Ask an election judge to help you find the polling place where you're registered. You can also call 877-600-VOTE or look up your polling place at <https://bit.ly/2lNhyQ4>.
- If you can't figure out where you're registered, go the polling place that you think is most likely to be the right one and ask for a registration application.

Can I get a ballot in my native language?

- Minnesota voters can have access to election materials in English, Hmong, Russian, Somali, Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese, Lao, Oromo, Amharic and Karen. However, the ballot itself is in English.
- Tell an election judge you want assistance in one of these languages if it is not offered to you.
- You have the right to bring an interpreter or to get assistance in your language from anyone you choose, including a poll worker, as long as the person is not your employer, an agent of your employer, or an officer or agent of your union.

What if I make a mistake or the voting machine malfunctions?

- Tell an election judge before you cast your vote. If you make a mistake on a ballot, you have the right to a replacement ballot.

What if someone tries to intimidate or harass me?

- Tell a poll worker right away. Or you can call your local election official, or call one of the numbers listed on the back of this card.
- It's a crime to knowingly deceive another person about the time, place or manner of conducting an election, or the qualifications for or restrictions on voter eligibility. Notify your local election official if you suspect that someone has tried to deceive you.