

# Missouri Voter Information

## Getting Your Ballot

Show one of the forms of acceptable identification and sign the poll book to obtain your ballot:

- Identification issued by the state of Missouri, an agency of the state, or a local election authority of the state;
- Identification issued by the United States government or agency thereof;
- Identification issued by an institution of higher education, including a university, college, vocational and technical school, located within the state of Missouri; or
- A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check or other government document that contains the name and address of the voter.

If you do not possess any of these forms of identification, but are a registered voter, you may cast a provisional ballot. Your ballot will count if: (1) you return to your polling place on Election Day with a photo ID; or (2) the signature on your provisional ballot envelope is determined by your local election authority to match the signature on your voter registration record.

## Voting Instructions

- Mark your ballot *individually for each candidate* you choose - Missouri does not allow the "straight party" ticket option.
- If you make an error that you are unable to correct *before* you cast your ballot, ask an election judge for a new ballot. Your old ballot will be "spoiled" and will not be counted.
- Ask the election judges if you have any questions or concerns.

## Voting Equipment

Know how to properly use your voting equipment and cast your ballot:

- Read the instructions posted in your polling place.
- Ask for a demonstration or assistance from an election judge if you need additional instructions.
- Second Chance Voting: If you accidentally over-mark your ballot (mark more candidates for a race than to be elected), you will have the opportunity to receive a new ballot.

## Change of Address

If you moved within this jurisdiction, you must update your registration. If you have not updated it prior to Election Day, you will be directed to your new polling place or a location designated by your election authority. There you can update your registration records and vote.

## Absentee Voting

You may vote absentee for the following reasons: absence on Election Day; incapacity or confinement due to illness or physical disability, including caring for a person who is incapacitated or confined due to illness or disability; religious belief or practice; employment as an election authority or an election judge at a location other than your polling place; incarceration (provided voting rights are retained); or certified participation in the address confidentiality program established under sections 589.660 to 589.681 because of safety concerns.

If you registered by mail and are voting absentee the first time you vote, you must provide a copy of acceptable identification with your application for an absentee ballot.

## Accessible Voting

Ask for assistance from an election judge if you have a physical disability which hinders your ability to independently vote your ballot. You may cast your ballot on an accessible voting system (i.e. equipped with an audio ballot); request curbside voting; obtain assistance from a person of your choice; or ask for relocation to a more accessible polling location if needed.

## Protecting Your Right to Vote

Violating election laws can jeopardize your right to vote. The following actions are violations of election laws and are subject to fines and/or imprisonment and/or loss of your right to vote:

- Making or accepting bribes to influence voters to vote either for or against candidates or ballot measures.
- Using threats, violence or force to influence someone's vote.
- Falsifying voter registration information.
- Voting more than one time during any election.
- Electioneering within twenty-five feet from the outside entrance of a polling location.

## Provisional Voting

If your name is not on the precinct register (poll book), the following actions may be taken:

- Election judges will call the central election office to verify your registration. If you are at the wrong polling place, you will be directed to the correct location.
- If your registration cannot be confirmed after contacting the central election office you can vote a provisional ballot, which will only be counted if you are later found to be an eligible voter at that polling place.

You may also cast a provisional ballot if you are a registered Missouri voter, but do not have an acceptable form of ID.

If you cast a provisional ballot, you will receive a stub from your provisional ballot envelope with instructions on how to verify that your provisional ballot is counted.

## Election Facts

- **Polling Place Hours** – Polls are open from 6:00am to 7:00pm on Election Day.
- **Primary Elections** – August primary elections are for political parties to nominate their general election candidates. Missourians don't register by party, but you must choose one party's ballot when voting in a primary or choose to vote an "issues only" ballot (which will not include ANY candidates).
- **General Elections** – General elections are those in which you elect candidates to offices. The general elections are held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of even numbered years.
- **Presidential Elections** – Presidential Elections are those in which citizens cast their votes for Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates, in order to select presidential electors. The electors whose candidates get the most votes go on to cast their votes through the Electoral College, which elects the President and Vice-President.

Contact your local election authority if you have any questions about voting.

**You have the right to expect a free and fair election. If you feel your voting rights have been violated, contact the Secretary of State's Office at 800-NOW-VOTE.**

This poster is in compliance with the Help America Vote Act of 2002 and Section 115.417, RSMo. 2016.

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toll-free **(866) 868-3245**

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for more information.