

REGISTERING TO VOTE IN MONTANA

For more information about voting, call or visit your local county election office or call the Montana Secretary of State's toll-free voter hotline: 1-888-884-VOTE (8683) or visit her website at www.sos.mt.gov. Information below is from Montana Secretary of State's website.

Where to Register to Vote

Visit your **county election office** Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. and complete a registration form. Fill out and sign a voter registration card **and drop** it off at your county election office, or mail it to the county election administrator. Or fill out and sign a registration form when you apply for or renew your driver's license or Montana ID.

- You must provide your **Montana driver's license** or Montana ID number when you register. If you do not have a Montana driver's license, you will need to provide the last 4 digits of your Social Security number. If you have neither number, you will need to provide another form of identification.
- **You will need to provide a residence address** or specific geographic location information from which your residence address may be determined. The residence address must be in the county in which you are registering.

When to Register to Vote

The deadline for **regular registration is 30 days before any election**. If you miss that deadline, you can still register and vote in the election by late registering at your county election office.

Late registration is available at **any time right up through the close of polls on Election Day**. No absentee ballots are issued between noon and 5:00 p.m. the day before the election however, so if you haven't registered before then, you probably want to wait until Election Day to register and vote.

Who Can Vote

To vote in Montana, you must: Be registered as required by law, be 18 years old or older on or before the next election, be a citizen of the United States and have lived in Montana for at least 30 days.

You cannot vote if: You're a convicted felon serving a sentence in a penal institution, or you've been judged in a court of law to be of unsound mind.

Voting by Absentee Ballot

Any registered voter may vote by absentee ballot. Fill out an **Application for Absentee Ballot**, or sign up for the **Annual Absentee List** to have ballots for which you are eligible automatically mailed to you. An application may be mailed, or dropped off at the county election office. Applications **must** be received by the county election office by noon the day before the election. If you drop off the application you will be able to pick up the absentee ballot at the same time, once ballots are available. An absentee voting packet will be mailed to the address you indicated on your application, or you can pick up the packet at the county election office at the time you apply for the absentee ballot, if ballots are available at that time. After voting the absentee ballot, return in the envelope(s) provided. **READ INSTRUCTIONS INCLUDED WITH THE PACKET CAREFULLY**. Be sure to sign the affirmation on the signature envelope before sending back or dropping off.