

Voter Registration Information

Voter Qualifications

To register to vote, you must be:

- A citizen of the United States
- A legal resident of Washington State
- At least 18 years old by election day
- Not presently denied civil rights as a result of being convicted of a felony

Federal law now requires you to provide valid identification to register to vote.

In Washington State you do not have to register by political party to vote in the state's regular primary or general elections.

Registration Deadlines for New Applicants

You may register to vote at any time. State law requires you to register at least 30 days before an election if registering by mail. If you miss the 30 day registration deadline you may register between 15 and 30 days before an election providing you meet the following requirements: you must be a resident at the same address for at least 30 days prior to an election; you must register in person at the Thurston County Auditor's Office; and you must vote an absentee or vote-by-mail ballot. If you register after the 15 day deadline your registration will be processed for the next election.

Where to Register

You may call and request a mail-in voter registration form from our office at any time. Also, you may obtain forms at the following locations:

- Thurston County Auditor's Office
- City or town clerk's offices
- www.vote.wa.gov
- State driver licensing offices
- Most fire stations
- Public libraries
- Public schools

Change of Residence

If you move to a **new** county you must complete a new voter registration form. (See "Registration Deadlines for New Applicants.")

If you are already registered to vote and move within **Thurston County** you do not need to re-register. However, you must request an address update on your registration. This can be done by calling, writing, or emailing the auditor's office.

To be eligible to vote in your new precinct you must re-register or update your registration at least **30 days** before an election.

Change of Name

You may use the mail-in registration form provided on page 14 to change your name. You may also change your name by completing a form when you renew your driver's license at the Department of Licensing, Driver License Division, 645 Woodland Square Lp SE, Lacey.

The 2005 Primary Election is Tuesday, September 20

Please remember: mail-in ballots must be postmarked by election day.

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