

## VOTER IDENTIFICATION

Voters are required to provide a form of identification at the polling place. Acceptable forms of identification are: state or federal issued identification or driver's license, signed Election Board I.D., a student identification card, or a utility bill/bank statement/document containing the name and address of the voter.

## VOTING INFORMATION

Polling places are open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on election days.

Prior to an election, registered voters receive a postcard stating the type of election and where the individual is to vote.

Prior to the day of election, you may request time off from your employer to vote if you do not have a 3-hour period between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. in which to vote.



**THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN  
VOTERS OF ST. LOUIS  
INFORMATION SERVICE®**

8706 Manchester, Suite 104  
St. Louis, MO 63144

Phone: 314-961-6869  
league@lwwstl.org  
www.lwwstl.org

## The League of Women Voters of St. Louis Information Service®

*Supporting An  
Educated & Empowered Electorate*

# Register & Vote



314-961-6869 ♦ [www.lwwstl.org](http://www.lwwstl.org)

## WHY VOTE?

The right to vote remains the most valued privilege in our country. Voting is our way of expressing satisfaction or dissatisfaction with public officials and issues.

Voters can re-elect representatives or turn them out of office. The office-holder must consider the opinions of the voters if he or she wants to stay in office.

This need to win voter approval acts as a check on government and makes voting a valuable tool for influencing policy.

## BE AN INFORMED VOTER

The right to vote brings with it the responsibility to learn about the candidates and the issues.

- Attend candidate meetings and forums
- Read newspapers and news magazines

### To Keep Informed, Contact:

- Candidates' offices for information
- Political party headquarters
- Issue-related interest groups
- The League of Women Voters Information Service®

## THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS INFORMATION SERVICE®

The League of Women Voters Information Service is a non-partisan, educational service. It does not support candidates, political parties or issues. The organization is supported by tax-deductible contributions from corporations, foundations and individuals.

If you would like to know which district you reside in. or who your elected officials are, contact the League of Women Voters.

314-961-6869 ♦ [www.lwwstl.org](http://www.lwwstl.org)

## WHERE TO REGISTER TO VOTE

In order to vote, you must register in the county where you reside.

To register by mail, contact your Election Authority.

### St. Louis City Board of Elections

300 N. Tucker  
St. Louis, MO 63101  
314-622-4336  
8 a.m.-5 p.m., weekdays  
[www.stlelections.com](http://www.stlelections.com)

### St. Louis County Board of Elections

12 Sunnen Drive  
St. Louis, MO 63143  
314-615-1800  
7 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays  
[www.stlouisco.com/elections/](http://www.stlouisco.com/elections/)

### St. Charles County Clerk

397 Turner Blvd.  
St. Peters, MO 63376  
636-949-7550  
8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays  
[www.saintcharlescounty.org](http://www.saintcharlescounty.org)

### Jefferson County Clerk

Jefferson County Administration Center  
729 Maple St.  
Hillsboro, MO 63050  
636-797-5487  
8 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays  
[www.jeffcomo.org/clerk](http://www.jeffcomo.org/clerk)

You may also register at most libraries, city halls, state offices and many schools.

For More Information:

Missouri Secretary of State Website  
[www.sos.mo.gov/elections](http://www.sos.mo.gov/elections)



# GET REGISTERED TO VOTE...TAKE THE STEPS

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF  
ST. LOUIS INFORMATION SERVICE®

## WHO CAN REGISTER

Any U.S. Citizen who is a resident of Missouri may register to vote when at least 17 ½ years old and may vote when at least 18 years old. Identification with a signature is needed in order to register.

You must register to vote at your current address.

Voter registration is based on an individual's residence. If you move within the same county, let the election authority know your new address. If you move to a new county, it is necessary to re-register in your new county. You may not report your address change until you have actually moved.

You must also notify your election authority if you have a name change.

## WHEN TO REGISTER

You may register any time during the regular hours at any registration location.

You must be registered by the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday before an election.

Registration is permanent as long as you vote, report name and address changes, and re-register if you move to a new county.

## CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS

If you move within the same county, an address change or name change can be made by sending a letter to the local election authority. In the letter indicate the old address (or name) and the new address (or name). All registered members of a household may sign the same letter.

Some jurisdictions allow for changes to be made on the back of the voter identification

card and mailed to the election authority.

Contact the Election Authority in your jurisdiction to find out more.

The deadline for changes and new registrations is the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday before an election. Some exceptions may apply. Contact your local election authority if you are moving between the deadline and the election or have an unusual circumstance.

A new resident who moved to Missouri after the close of registration, but who is otherwise entitled to vote, may vote using a provisional ballot.

## REGISTRATION & VOTING FOR

### DISABLED VOTERS

There are accommodations available for disabled voters. Disabled voters may vote with an absentee ballot if he/she cannot get to the polls. (See absentee ballot information.)

Many polling places are handicapped accessible. A disabled voter may also request a ballot be brought by a bi-partisan team of poll workers to him/her outside the polling place for "Curbside Voting."

### WHAT IS PROVISIONAL VOTING?

Provisional voting is an election reform to guarantee every qualified voter the right to vote. If a voter's name is not found in the registration book, he/she can vote a provisional ballot. The provisional ballot is kept separate from the other ballots. Later, the election authority will determine if the voter has the right to vote. The voter can telephone the election authority to see if the vote was counted.

A person who moves to Missouri after the close of registration may still vote in federal elections.

## HOW TO VOTE IN THE MILITARY

Persons serving in the military and their dependents may register to vote by obtaining Federal Form 76 from their Commanding Officer. This form also serves as a request for an absentee ballot. Mail Form 76 to the Board of Elections or County Clerk for the place of residence from which you want to vote. For more information on this process, and non-partisan voting information, contact the Unit Voting Assistant Officer.

## ABSENTEE VOTING

### YOU MAY VOTE ABSENTEE ONLY IF:

- You will be out of town
- You are ill or disabled
- You will be serving as an election judge
- You are on active duty with the military
- You are prevented by religious beliefs from going to the polls on election day
- You are incarcerated, providing that all qualifications for voting are retained

### HOW TO VOTE ABSENTEE IN PERSON

Go to the Board of Elections or County Clerk's office during regular hours as early as 42 days before the scheduled election. Some offices have extended hours or are open on Saturdays prior to election. Be sure to check with your election authority for more specific information.

### HOW TO VOTE ABSENTEE BY MAIL

In some instances, you may go to the election authority's website and download and print an absentee ballot request and mail to that election authority.

You may also write to the Board of Elections or County Clerk's office and request a ballot. You must include the following information in your written request.

1. Your name as you are registered to vote.
2. Your address where you are registered.
3. The address to which you want the ballot sent.

4. The date of the election for which you are requesting a ballot.
5. The reason you need to vote absentee.
6. If it is a primary election, you must state which party ballot you want.
7. The signatures of everyone in the household needing a ballot.
8. Your birth-date.
9. The last 4 digits of your social security number.

NOTE: A close relative may apply in person at the Board of Elections or the County Clerk's office to request a ballot be sent to you.

### ABSENTEE BALLOT EXCEPTIONS

Absentee ballots must be notarized except for the following voters:

- Active duty military personnel and members of their immediate families living with them.
- Any Missouri citizen residing outside the U.S.
- Those who are physically disabled or ill.
- Voters hospitalized after the Wednesday prior to the election may call their election authority for an absentee ballot or to make special arrangements.

### ABSENTEE VOTING DEADLINES

**To vote in person:** 5 p.m. the day before the election

**To request a mailed ballot:** 5 p.m. the Wednesday before an election.

**To return voted ballot:** Return by mail or in person to the election authority before 7 p.m. on election day.

**Requests for absentee ballots may be made as early as 70 days before an election.**