STATE OF WASHINGTON
SECRETARY OF STATE

Mail-In Voter Registration Instructions

Voter Registration & Voting

Voter qualifications

To register to vote in the state of Washington, you must be:

- ✔ **A citizen of the United States**
- ✔ **A legal resident of Washington state**
- ✔ **At least 18 years old by election day**

In the state of Washington, you do not have to register by political party or declare political party membership to vote in the state's regular primaries or general elections.

Registration deadlines

In order to vote in the next election, your Mail-In Voter Registration must be **postmarked** at least **30 days** before the next election. Otherwise, your registration will not take effect until after the upcoming election.

If you miss the 30-day deadline, you can still sign up in time for the election — but you must register **in person** at your county elections department no later than **15 days** before the election.

Change of residence

If you move to a **new** county, you must complete a new voter registration.

If you move within the **same** county, you do not need to re-register, but you must request a transfer of your registration. This can be done by using a mail-in voter registration form, or by calling or writing your county elections department.

*NOTE: You must re-register or transfer your registration at least **30 days** before the election to be eligible to vote in your new precinct.*

Keep your registration up-to-date!

If we do not have your current name or address, you may not be able to vote in the next election. Use the mail-in registration form to send your name or address change.

Voting by absentee ballot

Any registered voter may vote by absentee ballot. You do not need to be ill or "absent" to be an absentee voter.

You may request an absentee ballot as early as 45 days before an election. (No absentee ballots are issued on election day except to hospitalized voters). **The request for an absentee ballot must be made to your county auditor or elections department** (not to the Secretary of State).

Using the Mail-In Voter Registration Form

You can use the Mail-In Registration Form to:

- Sign up to vote in Washington state
- Update your registration if you move to a new address or change your name
- Apply to become a permanent absentee voter

Please complete all sections. Once you have printed and signed the completed form, place it in an envelope and mail it to:

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
VOTER REGISTRATION BY MAIL
PO BOX 40230
OLYMPIA, WA 98504-0230

If you are qualified and the information on your form is complete, you will be mailed a voter registration card which will identify your voting precinct.

***Important** — See the "Registration Deadlines" and "Change of Residence" sections at left.*

One-time absentee ballot requests may be made either by phone, fax or by mail. You may also sign up to automatically receive an absentee ballot before each election. Just check the "Yes" box in the Ongoing Absentee Voter Request section of the Mail-in Voter Registraton Form.

NOTE: Absentee ballots must be signed and postmarked or delivered to the county election officer **on or before election day**.

Questions?

Information and assistance is available on the Secretary of State's Web site at www.secstate.wa.gov/voting or through the Secretary of State's toll-free Voter Information Hotline at **1-800-448-4881** (TDD 1-800-422-8683). You can find your County Auditor or County Elections Department under Government Listings in your telephone directory, or see the County Auditors List on the Secretary of State Web site.

Mail-In Voter Registration Form

State of Washington

To fill out this form, simply click in the boxes and type the requested information. Please complete all boxes (1-10). When you are finished, **print** the document and **sign it in Boxes 7 and 9**. Then place in an envelope and mail* to:

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Voter Registration by Mail
PO Box 40230 • Olympia, WA 98504-0230

TO REGISTER TO VOTE, YOU MUST BE

- ✔ A citizen of the United States of America
- ✔ A legal resident of the State of Washington
- ✔ At least 18 years old by election day

*FORM MUST BE PRINTED AND SENT BY REGULAR MAIL. DO NOT E-MAIL.

WARNING: If you knowingly provide false information on this voter registration form or knowingly make a false declaration about your qualifications for voter registration you will have committed a class C felony that is punishable by imprisonment for up to five years, or by a fine of up to ten thousand dollars, or both imprisonment and fine. (RCW 29.07.070)

1 Check one: ☑ New Registration ☐ Address Change ☐ Name Change

2 ☐ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Miss ☐ Ms. | Last Name | First Name | Middle Initial | ☐ Jr. ☐ Sr. ☐ II ☐ III | ☐ Male ☐ Female

3 Address Where You Live | City or Town | ZIP Code

4 Address Where You Get Your Mail (If Different Than #3) | ZIP Code

5 Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year)

6 Daytime Phone Number (w/ area code) ( )

ONGOING ABSENTEE REQUEST

I would like to receive absentee ballots for all future elections:

YES ☐ **CHECK ONE** ☐ **NO**

SIGN HERE

ONGOING ABSENTEE VOTER STATUS

This status can be cancelled for any of the following reasons:

- Cancellation of your voter registration
- Your written request for cancellation
- The death or disqualification of the voter
- The return of an ongoing absentee ballot as undeliverable

7 **Voter Declaration** – Read and Sign Boxes 7 and 9.

"I declare that the facts on this voter registration form are true:

- I am a citizen of the United States
- I am not presently denied my civil rights as a result of being convicted of a felony
- I will have lived in Washington at this address for thirty days immediately before the next election at which I vote
- I will be at least eighteen years old when I vote."

Signed on this Date _____

SIGN HERE X

8 Last Name | First Name | Initial

9 SIGN HERE X

PLEASE PRINT NAME HERE

10 I was previously registered under this name and/or address:

Name _____

Street _____

City _____

County _____

State _____ ZIP _____

Please sign as previously registered:

X _____

JVP