



Penalties

No person shall:

- Knowingly aid or abet any person to register in violation of law: fifth degree felony (R.C. 3599.11(A)).
- Knowingly destroy, or help to destroy, any completed voter registration form: fifth degree felony (R.C. 3599.11(B)(1)).
- Knowingly fail to timely return any voter registration form entrusted to him or her to a board of elections or the Secretary of State: fifth degree felony or first degree misdemeanor (R.C. 3599.11(B)(2)).

Under Ohio law, a fifth degree felony conviction may result in a prison sentence of six to 12 months and/or a fine of up to \$2,500. A first degree misdemeanor conviction may result in up to six months in jail and/or a fine of up to \$1,000.

For more information about registering and voting in Ohio, please visit

VoteOhio.gov.

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Voter Registration Instructions

(Ohio Revised Code Section 3503.28)



Voter Registration Information

Eligibility

You are qualified to register to vote in Ohio if you meet all the following requirements:

1. You are a citizen of the United States.
2. You will be at least 18 years old on or before the next general election.
3. You will be a resident of Ohio for at least 30 days immediately before the election in which you want to vote.
4. You are not incarcerated (in jail or prison) for a felony conviction under the laws of Ohio, another state, or the United States.
5. You have not been declared incompetent for voting purposes by a probate court.
6. You have not been permanently denied the right to vote for violations of the election laws.

In Ohio, you must register to vote at least 30 days before the Election Day you plan to vote in.

Submitting Your Paper Voter Registration Form

Returning your own form:

You may return your completed voter registration form in person or by U.S. Mail to any of the following public offices:

- Any county board of elections;
- The Ohio Secretary of State's office;
- BMV or Deputy Registrars;
- Office of designated State of Ohio agencies, including:
 - » The Department of Job and Family Services,
 - » The Department of Health (including the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program),

- » The Department of Behavioral Health,
- » The Department of Developmental Disabilities,
- » Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities, or
- » Any state-assisted college or university that provides assistance to disabled students;
- Any county treasurer's office;
- Any public high school or vocational school; or
- Any public library.

If you are updating your current Ohio voter registration and returning your completed change of name and/or address form by U.S. Mail, you must send it to your county board of elections or the Secretary of State's office. Most registered voters in the state are also able to update their addresses online at VoteOhio.gov.

Completing someone else's form:

Ohio prohibits anyone from completing a voter registration form on behalf of another unless the registrant requires assistance due to disability, illiteracy or blindness. Anyone completing a voter registration form on behalf of another must check the box. If the applicant requested assistance with registering to vote or updating their name or residence due to disability, illiteracy, or blindness and is unable to sign the form, the assister must sign the form instead.

Any applicant who is unable to sign their own name, shall make an "X," or otherwise indicate that they desire to register to vote, which shall be certified by the person assisting the applicant. The person assisting the applicant shall sign the form and attest that the applicant desired to register to vote.

Any person registering an applicant and paid to do so must sign the voter registration form, provide their address, and provide the name of their employer.

Returning someone else's form:

Anyone entrusted to return a voter registration form for another person must deliver it to a board of elections or the Secretary of State's office within 10 days of completion or by the voter registration deadline for the next election — whichever comes first.

Registration Deadlines

Your properly completed voter registration form must be postmarked or received 30 days before the election in which you wish to vote. If the voter registration deadline falls on a day when offices of the Secretary of State and county boards of elections are closed, the deadline is extended to the succeeding business day when the office is open.

Notice to All Voters

Voters must bring photo identification to the polls in order to verify identity. Voters who do not provide photo identification will still be able to vote by casting a provisional ballot. R.C. 3503.28(A)(6).

Notice from County Board of Elections

After receiving your properly completed voter registration form, your county board of elections must register you to vote and promptly notify you by mail of your precinct, voting location, and the identification requirements for voting.

WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE.

Find your county board of elections at VoteOhio.gov/boards.