

Steps to Voting by Mail in Texas

For eligible Texas voters who want to safely vote from home

Apply

Who is eligible to vote by mail?

Those who are:

- 65 years or older on Election Day
- Sick or disabled
- Out of the county during early voting and election day
- In jail or Involuntary Civil Commitment but eligible to vote
- NEW! Expecting to give birth within three weeks before or after Election Day.

Where to get NEW Application for a Ballot by Mail (ABBM)

- Voters must use the **new** Application for a Ballot by Mail, which has a place for an ID number on the top right.
- Request an application from Bexar County Elections Department. Call (210) 335-8683 and request one be mailed or download in English or Spanish at www.bexar.org/3271/Vote-by-Mail.
- At VoteTexas.gov, print the application in English or Spanish. Complete, sign, and mail to the Bexar County Elections Department.*
- Applications must be received (not postmarked) at your county election office by the application deadline. ** NOTE: The postal service is not responsible if application is delivered late.

Prevent your application from being rejected because of ID:

- Make sure to complete the ID section of the application. If unsure of the number used originally, put both.
- The Texas Secretary of State's office has advised that you may contact your county elections office to ask how to add one of the required ID numbers to your voter record.

*Bexar County Elections Department

1103 S. Frio St., Suite 100
San Antonio, TX 78207
Phone: (210) 335-VOTE (8683)
www.bexar.org/1568/Elections-Department

**The 2022 Election Calendar with deadlines is on page 2 of this document.

NEED HELP WITH VOTING ISSUES?

Election Protection Hotline: (866) 687-8683 or 866ourvote.org
VoteTexas.gov or (800)252-VOTE (8683)
For Voter ID issues, contact voteriders.org or (844) 338-8743

Tips for filling out the ABBM application

Read all the instructions provided on the back of the application

Sec. 1 - Provide contact information so that the Elections Department can contact you with any questions to expedite application approval. Provide Your ID number from:

- A Texas Driver's License
- A Texas Personal ID
- An Election Identification Certificate, or
- If none of these has been issued, then the last four digits of your Social Security number

Use the same ID number on the Vote by Mail application and the ballot carrier envelope that you used for your voter registration.

Sec. 2 - Provide the address where the ballot is to be mailed.

Sec. 3 - Voters with disabilities check the box marked disability.

Sec. 4 –

- If you are 65 years or older, or are permanently sick or disabled, you can mark the box for “Annual Application”.
- If you are out of the county (where you are registered to vote) during early voting and on Election Day, mark which election you are applying to Vote by Mail.
- Mark your party of choice to vote in the Primary Election and runoff.

Sec. 5 - Don't forget to sign the application.

Sec. 6 - If the voter is unable to sign the application follow the instructions for witnessing a signature. NOTE: Persons who assist voters with a Vote by Mail application must provide their name and address.

Finally, mail your ABBM to County Elections Department* by stated deadline. ** Once your application is approved, you will receive a Mail in Ballot to complete and return by Election Day.

Vote

Tips for completing and submitting your mail ballot

- Research candidates with the League's nonpartisan Voters Guide at VOTE411.org.
- Mark your ballot using a black or blue pen.
- Place your ballot in the ballot envelope and seal it.
- Place the ballot envelope in the carrier envelope, seal it, and sign the flap of the carrier envelope with the same signature you used on your ABBM application. Use the same ID number on the Vote by Mail application and the mail ballot carrier envelope that you used for your voter registration.
- Return your ballot, via USPS or other carrier, as soon as possible. Ballot must be received at the county election office* by 7PM on Election Day.

What if I want to hand-deliver my ballot?

- You may hand-deliver your marked ballot in person to the county election office on Election Day while polls are open.
- You must show your photo ID.

What if I decide to vote in person instead of mailing my ballot?

- Take your mail ballot with you to the polling station and turn in to the election judge. You will be allowed to vote a regular ballot.
- If you lose or forget your mail ballot, you may cast a provisional ballot.

For more information, review the Secretary of State’s information provided in your Vote by Mail ballot packet.

Persons who assist a voter with the Vote by Mail ballot must:

- Provide their name, address, and relationship to the voter
- Sign an oath
- Confirm that they didn’t receive compensation.

Track your Vote by Mail Application and mail ballot online at VoteTexas.gov.

How to Register to Vote in Texas

Who can register to vote in Texas?

- A citizen of the United States,
- A resident of the county, and
- 17 years 10 months of age (to vote you must be 18 years old on Election Day).
- You must not have been declared mentally incapacitated by a court of law.
- If you have been convicted of a felony, you may register to vote only if you have completed the punishment phase of your conviction, including any terms of incarceration, parole, supervision or period of probation ordered by the court.

What is the last day to register to vote in an election?

- Voter Registration applications must be at the County’ Voter Registrar’s office or postmarked 30 days prior to the election.
- If your voter registration effective date is before Election Day, you may vote during early voting.

Who needs to complete a voter registration form?

New Texas voters and Texas voters who have relocated to a new county in Texas should complete a new registration form

How do I register to vote in Texas?

- Register in person at your county Voter Registrar’s office
- Register by mail by obtaining a form from your county elections office or pick up a form from your neighborhood library.
- Download, print, complete, sign and mail a form from VoteTexas.gov.
- Mail completed form to your county elections department.
- Volunteer Deputy Registrars who are certified by the county to help voters can assist by providing a form and submitting it to the elections department for you.

When will I receive my voter registration card?

- You should receive a voter registration card in the mail within one month. Check VoteTexas.gov to check status of your registration.
- New voter registration cards are mailed to registered voters every even year.

How do I check on the current status of my voter registration?

- Check your voter registration status at VoteTexas.gov or check with your county voter registrar.

I’m already registered. How do I update my voter registration?

- If you moved within the same county or changed your name, update your voter registration at VoteTexas.gov.
- When you update your driver’s license online, you can update your voter registration at the same time.
- Complete a new paper voter registration form.

2022 ELECTION CALENDAR		
Election Day	Primary Elections March 1, 2022	Uniform Election May 7, 2022
Last day to register to vote	January 31, 2022	April 7, 2022
Early Voting	February 14-25, 2022	April 25-May 3, 2022
Last day to apply for ballot by mail (received)	February 18, 2022	April 26, 2022
Last day to receive ballot by mail	March 1 at 7PM if not postmarked; March 3 at 5PM if postmarked by 7PM on election day	May 7 at 7PM if not postmarked; May 9 at 5PM if postmarked by 7PM on election day
2022 ELECTION CALENDAR		
Election Day	Primary Runoffs May 24, 2022	General Election November 8, 2022
Last day to register to vote	April 25, 2022	October 11, 2022
Early Voting	May 16-20, 2022	October 24-November 4, 2022
Last day to apply for ballot by mail (received)	May 13, 2022	October 28, 2022
Last day to receive ballot by mail	May 24 at 7PM if not postmarked; May 25 at 5PM if postmarked by 7PM on election day	November 8 at 7PM if not postmarked; November 9 at 5PM if postmarked by 7PM on election day