

# **2011 OHIO VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE**



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## **IN 2011, VOTERS THROUGHOUT OHIO WILL ELECT:**

- Mayors
- Members of city and village councils
- Members of boards of trustees of public affairs (in some villages)
- Other city and village officers
- Judges of municipal courts (some jurisdictions)
- Clerks of municipal courts (some jurisdictions)
- Township trustees and fiscal officers
- Members of boards of education
- Unexpired terms for municipal and township offices and boards of education

## **VOTER REGISTRATION**

### **Does everyone who wants to vote in Ohio have to be registered to vote here?**

Yes.

### **What are the qualifications to register and to vote in Ohio?**

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 day of the next general election. (If you will be 18 on or before November 8, you may vote in the primary election for candidates, but you cannot vote on issues until you are 18);
3. You will be a resident of Ohio for at least 30 consecutive days immediately before the election in which you want to vote;
4. You are not incarcerated (in prison or jail) for a felony conviction under the laws of this state, another state, or the United States;
5. You have not been declared incompetent for voting purposes by a probate court; and
6. You have not been permanently disenfranchised for violating the election laws.

You are eligible to vote in elections held in your voting precinct 30 consecutive days after you are duly registered to vote in this state; however, you may request an absentee ballot during that 30 day period.

## WHERE DO I VOTE?

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Where you vote depends on where you are determined by law to have a qualifying voting residence. Your qualifying voting residence is determined by the county board of elections using guidelines established by Ohio law (R.C. 3503.02). You may vote only from the residence that qualifies as your voting residence. Your voting residence is the place in which your habitation is fixed and to which, whenever you are absent, you intend to return. Also, your voting residence is a location you consider to be a permanent, not a temporary, residence. You will not lose your voting residency in Ohio if you leave temporarily and intend to return to Ohio, unless you are absent from the state for four consecutive years. You may contact your local board of elections if you have any questions regarding your specific situation.

**(Exception:** You will not lose your residency after four years if your absence from Ohio is due to your employment with Ohio or the United States government, including military service, unless you vote in, or permanently move to, another state or country.)

If you do not have a fixed place of habitation, but you are a consistent or regular inhabitant of a shelter or other location to which you intend to return, you may use that shelter or other location as your residence for purposes of registering to vote.

For information on voting rights of U.S. citizens living outside the U.S., see page 13, "Uniformed and Overseas Citizens."

### **May a college student register and vote from his or her school address in Ohio?**

Yes, a college student may vote using his or her Ohio school residence address. However, the student may not also vote an absentee ballot where he or she last lived (e.g., with one or more parent or guardian). When a college student votes from his or her school address, the school residence is considered to be the place to which the student's habitation is fixed and to which, whenever the student is absent, the student intends to return, and is considered by the student to be his or her permanent residence at the time of voting.

## How can I register to vote?

You may register to vote in person or by mail.

If you have Internet access, you may download a voter registration form from the Secretary of State's website: [www.sos.state.oh.us](http://www.sos.state.oh.us).

You also may ask a county board of elections or the Secretary of State's office to mail a voter registration application to you. See pages 25 through 31 for a listing of county boards of elections.

You may obtain a voter registration application, and register to vote, in person at any of the following locations:

- The office of the Secretary of State;
- The office of any of the 88 county boards of elections;
- The office of the Registrar or any Deputy Registrar of the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles;
- Public libraries;
- Public high schools or vocational schools;
- County treasurers' offices; or
- Offices of designated agencies, including:
  - ◇ The Department of Job and Family Services;
  - ◇ The Department of Health (including the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program);
  - ◇ The Department of Mental Health;
  - ◇ The Department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities;
  - ◇ The Rehabilitation Services Commission; or
  - ◇ Any state-assisted college or university that provides assistance to disabled students.

When you have completed your voter registration application, please review it carefully for completeness and accuracy. You may either personally deliver, or send by U.S. Mail, your voter registration application to a county board of elections or the Secretary of State's office. You, or another person acting on your behalf, also may deliver your application to one of the offices listed above, but you should ensure your application reaches the office of a board of elections or the Secretary of State within 10 days and no later than the voter registration deadline for the election at which you want to vote.

## **What is the registration deadline?**

Ohio has a 30 day voter registration requirement. However, if the 30 day voter registration deadline falls on a Sunday or a legal holiday, then the deadline is extended to the next day that is not a Sunday or a legal holiday.

### **Registration by U.S. Mail**

If you choose to register to vote using the U.S. Mail, you may send your properly completed and signed registration application to the office of your county board of elections, the Secretary of State's office, a state or local office of a designated agency, a public high school or vocational school, a public library, or the county treasurer's office. Your application must be postmarked by the voter registration deadline in order to be eligible to vote in that election.

### **Registration in person**

If you choose to register to vote in person, you may deliver your registration application to the office of a county board of elections, the Secretary of State's office, a state or local office of a designated agency, the office of the registrar or any deputy registrar of motor vehicles, a public high school or vocational school, a public library, the office of a county treasurer. Your application must be received by the voter registration deadline in order to be eligible to vote in that election.

You also may entrust your completed registration application to another person for delivery to elections officials. However, that person must deliver your application to a county board of elections or the Secretary of State's office within 10 days after you completed the application, or by the voter registration deadline, whichever is earlier. If you have been registered to vote in Ohio for 30 consecutive days and maintain the qualifications of an elector, you are entitled to vote at elections conducted in your precinct or to request an absentee ballot.

## **Do I have to sign my voter registration application?**

Yes; Ohio law requires the applicant to sign the voter registration application. "Sign" or "signature" means your written, cursive-style legal mark written in your own handwriting.

However, if you do not use a cursive-style legal mark in your regular business and legal affairs, "sign" or "signature" means another legal mark that you use in your regular business and legal affairs that is written in your own handwriting.

## **What if I am unable to sign my voter registration form or other election documents?**

If you are unable to sign your own name and have no other legal mark, make an "X," if possible, on the application signature line and have the person who witnessed you making that mark write his or her name and address beneath the signature line.

If you are unable to make an "X," you must indicate in some manner to the person assisting you that you want to register to vote. The person registering you must sign the application form and attest that you indicated that you want to register to vote.

## **May a person who has my "power of attorney" sign my name to my voter registration application?**

No. However, if by reason of disability you are unable to physically sign your name or affix your mark to the application, you may appoint an "attorney-in-fact" in accordance with the specific requirements of R.C. 3501.382. Your attorney-in-fact then may sign a voter registration application on your behalf, but only at your direction and in your presence.

## **What are my obligations to keep the board of elections informed of address or name changes?**

If you are already registered to vote but have moved within Ohio and/or changed your name, you must update your voter registration by submitting a new voter registration form or change of address form for your new residence.

Ohio's voter registration application also serves as a change of address and change of name form. A form may be obtained online at [www.sos.state.oh.us](http://www.sos.state.oh.us), at all locations where voter registration forms may be obtained (see page 5), and from the probate court and the court of common pleas of any Ohio county.

You may personally deliver your completed change of name and/or address form to any of these offices: the Secretary of State, a board of elections, a public high school or vocational school, a public library, a county treasurer's office, any Deputy Registrar of the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles or an office of a designated agency. Designated agencies include:

- The Department of Job and Family Services;
- The Department of Health (including the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program);
- The Department of Mental Health;

- The Department of Developmental Disabilities;
- The Rehabilitation Services Commission; and
- Any state-assisted college or university that provides assistance to disabled students.

If you return your completed change of name and/or address form by U.S. Mail, you should send it to your county board of elections or the Secretary of State's office.

If your change of name and/or address form is completed properly, the board of elections will update your registration and send you a notice reflecting your new name and/or address. If your form is incomplete, the board will send you a notice of the information necessary to update your registration. If your valid change of name and/or address form is received or postmarked by the voter registration deadline, then you will be eligible to vote a regular (rather than a provisional) ballot at that election. You may vote in person on or before Election Day, or by mail via absentee ballot.

You may also update your registration during the 28 days immediately before, or on the day of, an election, but this may require you to vote a "provisional ballot" as described later in this guide.

### **Do I declare my political party affiliation when I register?**

No. Under Ohio election law, you declare your political party affiliation by requesting the ballot of a political party in a partisan primary election.

If you do not desire to affiliate with a political party in Ohio, you are considered to be an unaffiliated voter. An unaffiliated voter, which is identified by some people as an "independent voter," does not vote the ballot of a political party in a primary election. However, an unaffiliated voter may vote the Official Questions & Issues Ballot, if there is one for the voter's precinct at the election.

### **May I vote if I have been convicted of a crime?**

As noted under the "Voter Registration" section of this guide, a person currently serving time in jail or prison for a felony conviction can neither register to vote nor vote. Additionally, a person who has twice been convicted of a violation of Ohio's elections laws is permanently barred from voting in Ohio. An otherwise qualified person convicted of a misdemeanor may vote, and an otherwise qualified person who had been convicted of a felony may register and vote while on probation or parole, or after completing his or her jail or prison sentence.

## **What happens after I submit my voter registration application?**

If the information contained on your application is found to be complete and truthful, the board of elections for the county in which you reside will accept your voter registration application. The board must register you to vote not later than 20 business days after receiving your application and promptly mail a notice to your voting residence address confirming that you are registered to vote, identifying your voting precinct and the location of your precinct polling place, and stating the identification requirements for voting.

If the board does not accept your registration application, it must immediately mail you a notice stating why your application was rejected and offering you the opportunity to submit a properly completed registration application.

If you do not receive a notice that your registration was accepted or rejected, please contact your county board of elections before Election Day to determine if the board received your application.

## **Can I check my voter information online?**

Yes. You may check your voter information by performing a “Voter Information Search” on the Secretary of State’s website: [www.sos.state.oh.us](http://www.sos.state.oh.us). If performing such a search returns the information you registered, your county board of elections has successfully processed your voter registration form. If the search does not return your information, please contact your county board of elections to check on the status of your registration. You may also be able to check your voter information through your county board of elections’ website, although not all county boards of elections have the capacity to provide this service.

## **VOTING PROCEDURES**

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### **Before Election Day:**

#### **VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT**

##### **When does absentee voting begin and end?**

**Primary and general elections:** For uniformed services voters and overseas voters eligible to vote under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA), the absent voters ballots must be ready 45 days before an election. For all other voters, absentee voting begins 35 days before the day of an election. Except for voters hospitalized due to emergencies, as further described under the “Absentee Deadlines” section beginning on page 15 of this guide, absentee voting ends the day before the election.

**Special elections:** Special elections are elections that are held on a day other than the day of a primary or general election. If the laws governing the special election make it impossible for the absentee ballots to be printed by the timelines listed in the above section, then absentee voting for the special election begins as many days before the day of the election as reasonably possible. You may contact your county board of elections to learn if a special election is being held in your precinct and, if so, when absentee ballots will be available. Except for voters hospitalized due to emergencies, as further described under the “Absentee Deadlines” section beginning on page 15 of this guide, absentee voting for special elections still ends the day before the election.

Once absentee ballots are available for voting, any eligible voter may receive and return an absentee ballot:

- in person at the county board of elections office or, if a board of elections has designated another location as its absentee voting site, in person at that designated location, or
- by U.S. Mail.

### **Who is eligible to vote by absentee ballot?**

Any qualified Ohio voter whose registration information is up to date may request and vote an absentee ballot without stating a reason.

### **What is the application process for obtaining an absentee ballot?**

Ohio law provides separate application processes for different classifications of absentee voters (i.e., state militia, uniformed services, overseas, and regular citizens). In all cases, absentee ballots must be applied for in writing. If you are properly registered to vote, you must submit your written request to the board of elections of the county in which your voting residence is located. Your request must contain certain information as described in the following sections and your signature. To avoid potential problems with your application, you are encouraged, but not required, to use an application form prescribed by the Ohio Secretary of State. Application forms are available for download on the Secretary of State’s website: [www.sos.state.oh.us](http://www.sos.state.oh.us).

If you are not on active duty as a member of Ohio’s organized militia (including the Ohio Air National Guard, Ohio Army National Guard, Ohio Naval Militia, and Ohio Military Reserve), the U.S. armed services or other uniformed services, or if you are not a U.S. citizen residing outside of the U.S., you are considered a “regular” absentee voter for the purpose of this guide.

## **REGULAR ABSENTEE VOTERS**

If you are a regular absentee voter, you may use the application form prescribed by the Secretary of State (Form 11-A) to apply for your absentee ballot. If you choose not to use the prescribed form, your written application need not be in any particular format, but it must contain all of the following information:

1. Your name;
2. Your legal signature;
3. The address at which you are registered to vote;
4. Your date of birth;
5. One of the following items showing proof of your identification:
  - a. Your Ohio driver's license number; or
  - b. The last four digits of your Social Security number; or
  - c. A copy of your current and valid photo identification, military identification, or a current (within the last 12 months) utility bill (including cell phone bill), bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government (including from a public college or university) document that shows your name and current address.  
(**Note:** You cannot use a voter registration acknowledgement notice that the board of elections mailed to you as proof of identification.);
6. A statement identifying the election for which you are requesting an absentee voter's ballot;
7. A statement that you are a qualified elector;
8. If the request is for a partisan primary election ballot, your political party affiliation; and
9. If you want the ballot to be mailed, the address to which you want it mailed.

For information regarding application deadlines, please see "Absentee Deadlines" at the end of this section.

## **ACTIVE DUTY MEMBERS OF OHIO'S ORGANIZED MILITIA**

(Ohio Air National Guard, Ohio Army National Guard, Ohio Naval Militia and Ohio Military Reserve, collectively)

If you are on active duty with Ohio's organized militia, your written application must contain all the information required of a regular absentee voter and either the address to which the ballot is to be mailed or the fax number to which it is to be faxed. You may use the application form prescribed by the Secretary of State (Form 11-J) to apply for your absentee ballot.

Alternatively, an absentee application may be submitted on your behalf by one of the following relatives: your spouse, father, mother, father-in-law, mother-in-law, grandfather, grandmother, brother or sister of the whole blood or half blood, son, daughter, adopting parent, adopted child, stepparent, stepchild, uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece. Your relative must use the application prescribed by the Secretary of State (Form 11-C), available from the board of elections or the Secretary of State's office or website: [www.sos.state.oh.us](http://www.sos.state.oh.us). This application, which must be signed and sworn to by your relative ("the applicant"), must contain all the following information:

1. Your full name;
2. A statement that you are a qualified elector in the county;
3. The address at which you are registered to vote;
4. Your date of birth;
5. One of the following items showing proof of your identification:
  - a. Your Ohio driver's license number; or
  - b. The last four digits of your Social Security number; or
  - c. A copy of your current and valid photo identification, military identification, or a current (within the last 12 months) utility bill (including cell phone bill), bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government (including from a public college or university) document that shows your name and current address.  
(**Note:** You cannot use as proof of identification a voter registration acknowledgement notice that the board of elections mailed to you.);
6. A statement identifying the election for which the absentee ballot is requested;
7. A statement that you are a member of the organized militia serving on active duty within the state;
8. If the request is for a partisan primary election ballot, your political party affiliation;
9. A statement specifying the applicant's relationship to you;
10. The address to which the ballot is to be mailed or fax number to which it is to be faxed;
11. The signature and address of the person making the application; and
12. The applicant's notarized statement attesting to the validity of the application.

For information regarding application deadlines, please see "Absentee Deadlines" at the end of this section.

## **UNIFORMED SERVICES AND OVERSEAS ABENTEE VOTERS ("UOCAVA VOTERS")**

The voting rights of U.S. citizens living outside the U.S. and members of the uniformed services on active duty away from their Ohio voting residence are governed by a federal law known as "The Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act" ("UOCAVA"), as well as state law.

### **Overseas Citizens**

Generally, if you are a citizen residing outside the U.S., you are eligible to vote in federal elections in the state in which you resided immediately before leaving the U.S. if you were, or could have, registered to vote in that state while residing there, or currently are eligible under state law to vote in that state.

**(Note:** Federal law does not require any state to extend voting eligibility to a person who has never resided in that state on the basis that one or both of the person's parents are, or were, residents in that state. )

If you are eligible, you may vote a federal ballot (candidates for U.S. President, vice president, U.S. Senate and member of the U.S. House of Representatives) from the Ohio precinct in which you resided immediately before leaving the U.S. to live in a foreign country, even though you may no longer have ties to, and may not intend to return to, Ohio.

**(Note:** In odd-numbered years, the only federal election that may be held would be a special election to fill a vacancy in Ohio's congressional delegation.) You must register to vote and/or request an absentee ballot using the current Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) postcard or the online version. The online FPCA can be downloaded from [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov).)

You may also be eligible to vote a regular Ohio ballot if you maintain a qualifying voting address in Ohio and have lived outside Ohio less than four consecutive years.

### **Members of the Uniformed Services**

If you are serving on active duty in the uniformed services (U.S. Armed Services; merchant marines; and the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) and meet the requirements for voting at your Ohio voting residence, you may vote a uniformed services absentee ballot. Your spouse and dependents may vote a uniformed services absentee ballot only if they left their Ohio voting residence to be with or near you.

## **What is the voting residence of a uniformed services absentee voter?**

The voting residence of a service member is the place in Ohio where the service member resided immediately preceding the commencement of his or her service, unless he or she later established a voting residence elsewhere in Ohio.

## **Must uniformed services absentee voters be registered to vote?**

Yes.

## **How do I apply for a uniformed services absentee ballot?**

Qualified electors who are members of the uniformed services may apply for an absentee ballot in any of the following ways:

1. If you are not currently a registered Ohio voter, you may use the current Federal Post Card Application (FPCA), available online at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov), both to register to vote and to request absentee ballots.
2. If you already are a registered Ohio voter, you may request an absentee ballot using a form prescribed by the Ohio Secretary of State (Form 11-A, if you will be in Ohio during the absentee period; otherwise, Form 11-D or an FPCA).
3. If you already are a registered Ohio voter, you may designate an eligible relative to request an absentee ballot on your behalf. Your relative must use the form prescribed by the Ohio Secretary of State (Form 11-E).

## **How do I receive my absentee ballot?**

If you are an individual eligible to vote under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA), you may ask to receive your ballot in any one of the following ways:

1. **In person:** Once absentee ballots are available, you may go to your county board of elections office or a site designated by the board of elections for voting no later than the day before the election and request, receive, and vote your ballot at the board office or designated site.
2. **By mail:** Beginning January 1, 2011, or 90 days before the date of an election, whichever is earlier, you may mail your properly completed absentee ballot application, bearing your signature, to the board of elections of the county in which your voting residence is located. The board must receive your request by noon of the third day before the election. However, you should submit your request as far in advance of

the election as possible to ensure there is sufficient time for the board to mail, fax, or e-mail you a ballot. Your marked ballot must be returned by mail.

3. **By fax:** You may fax your absentee ballot request to the board of elections of the county in which your voting residence is located. The board must receive your request by noon of the third day before the election. You may request that the board fax, mail, or e-mail your ballot to you, but you must return your marked ballot by mail.
4. **By e-mail:** Your completed and signed absentee ballot request form may be e-mailed to the board of elections office in the county in which you are registered to vote. The board must receive your request by noon of the third day before the election. You may request that the board fax, mail, or e-mail your ballot to you, but you must return your marked ballot by mail.

When the board of elections issues your ballot, it will provide you with information on how to track the status of your ballot in the Centralized Ballot Tracking System.

If you have requested an absentee ballot but do not receive it by October 8, 2011, you may wish to use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot. Once you receive your absentee ballot, vote and return it via mail or in person. If both ballots are received by the deadline, only the state ballot will be counted.

For information regarding application deadlines, please see "Absentee Deadlines" at the end of this section.

## **ABSENTEE DEADLINES**

To receive your absentee ballot:

1. **In person:** After absentee ballots are available for voting, you may go to your county board of elections office or, if the board has designated another location in the county at which registered electors may vote, at that other location instead of the board of elections office, during regular business hours, but no later than the day before the election, and request, receive, and vote your ballot at the board office or other designated location.

2. **By mail:** Beginning January 1, 2011, or 90 days before the date of an election, whichever is earlier, you may mail your properly completed absentee ballot application bearing your signature to the board of elections of the county in which your voting residence is located. The board must receive your request by noon of the third day before the election. However, you should submit your request as far in advance of the election as possible to ensure there is sufficient time for the board to mail you a ballot and for you to timely return that ballot.
3. **By fax:** If you are a member of the armed services or the organized state militia on active duty or an overseas voter, you may fax your absentee ballot request to the board of elections of the county in which your voting residence is located. The board must receive your request by noon of the third day before the election. You may request that the board fax your ballot to you, but you must return your marked ballot by mail.
4. **By e-mail:** If you are an individual eligible to vote under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA), you may e-mail your absentee ballot request to the board of elections of the county in which your voting residence is located. The board must receive your request by noon of the third day before the election. You may request that the board e-mail your ballot to you, but you must return your marked ballot by mail.
5. **If you or your minor child is in the hospital on Election Day:** Regardless of where you or your minor child is hospitalized, you must submit a properly completed and signed request to the board of elections of the county in which your voting residence is located by 3 p.m. on Election Day. To be eligible under this provision, you or your minor child must be confined in a hospital because of an accident or unforeseeable medical emergency. Your application must specify where, why, and when you or your minor child came to be hospitalized. If you or your minor child is hospitalized in the same county where you are registered to vote, two representatives of the board of elections can deliver the ballot to you, wait while you mark the ballot, and return your voted ballot to the board office. Additionally, you may include in your absentee ballot application a request that your county board of elections give your unmarked ballot to a designated relative – your spouse, father, mother, father-in-law, mother-in-law, grandfather, grandmother, brother, sister, son, daughter, adopted parent, adopted child, stepparent, stepchild, uncle, aunt, nephew or niece – who shall deliver the ballot to you in the hospital and return your voted ballot to the board office.

For your absentee ballot to be counted, it must be received as follows:

1. If you are a voter in the United States, your ballot may be returned:

**By U.S. Mail:** the return envelope containing your marked ballot must either be **received** by the board of elections prior to the close of polls on election day, or **postmarked** no later than the day before the election and received by the board of elections no later than 10 days after a special, primary, or general election. (**Note:** Ohio’s election law states that “postmarked” does not include a date marked by a postage evidence system, such as a postage meter. Therefore, the return envelope must bear a valid postage cancellation stamp affixed by the U.S. Postal Service.)

**In person, either by you or an eligible family member:** your marked ballot, which must be sealed in the completed and signed identification envelope provided with the ballot, must be delivered to the board of elections office no later than the close of polls on Election Day.

2. If you are a voter outside the U.S. on Election Day, the return envelope containing your marked ballot must be received by your county board of elections not later than the 10 days after a special, primary or general election.

**Note:** No voted ballot may be returned to a board of elections by fax or e-mail. If a voted ballot is returned by fax or e-mail, it will not be accepted, processed, or counted.

## **On or Before Election Day:**

### **VOTING BY PROVISIONAL BALLOT (R.C. 3505.181)**

#### **What is a provisional ballot?**

A provisional ballot is used to record a vote if a voter’s eligibility is in question and the voter would otherwise not be permitted to vote at his or her polling place. The content of a provisional ballot is no different from a regular ballot, but it is cast “provisionally” until election officials can verify the voter’s eligibility to vote in the particular precinct at that election.

There are several scenarios in which a voter may cast a provisional ballot. A provisional ballot may be used on Election Day if a voter’s eligibility is in question, or before (or on) Election Day if a voter has recently changed his or her address or name and did not update his or her voter registration.

## **What Election Day scenarios would require me to cast a provisional ballot?**

Any of the following scenarios would require you to cast a provisional ballot on Election Day:

- Your name does not appear on the official poll list for an election, or an election official asserts that you are not eligible to vote or is unable to determine your eligibility;
- You are unable or decline to provide the required proof of identity, which includes a current and valid photo identification, military identification; or a copy of a current (within the last 12 months) utility bill (including cell phone bill), bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows your name and current address (including from a public college or university).  
**(Note:** You cannot use as proof of identification a voter registration acknowledgement notice that the board of elections mailed to you.);
- Your name appears on the poll list or signature book as having already requested an absentee ballot;
- Your name is marked on the poll list or signature book with a notation that registration mailings have been returned as undeliverable;
- A hearing on a challenge to your eligibility as an elector has been postponed until after Election Day;
- Your signature, in the opinion of the precinct officers, does not match the signature on your registration form; or
- Your eligibility to cast a ballot has been challenged by the precinct officers.

## **After I cast a provisional ballot, do I have to do anything to make sure my vote is counted?**

Before your provisional ballot can be included in the official count of an election, the board of elections must confirm your eligibility to cast the ballot, as well as the validity of the ballot that you cast.

If you cast your provisional ballot and provided acceptable proof of identity, you typically do not need to provide any additional information to the board of elections.

If you cast a provisional ballot and did not provide acceptable proof of identity at the time of voting, you must appear in person at the board of elections to provide such proof within the 10 days immediately following Election Day, in accordance with Ohio law. The following guidelines apply:

1. If you cast a provisional ballot because you had – but could not provide to election officials at the time you voted – acceptable proof of your identity or the last four digits of your Social Security number, you must provide to the board of elections one of the following:
  - Acceptable proof of your identity in the form of a current and valid photo identification;
  - A military identification;
  - A copy of a current (within the last 12 months) utility bill (including cell phone bill), bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document (but not a voter registration acknowledgement notification mailed by a board of elections) that shows your name and current address (including from a public college or university); or
  - The last four digits of your Social Security number.
  
2. If you cast a provisional ballot because, at the time you voted, you had – but declined to provide – an acceptable form of identification or the last four digits of your Social Security number, and you declined to execute the written affirmation statement swearing to your identity under penalty of election falsification, you must provide to the board of elections one of the following:
  - Acceptable proof of your identity in the form of a current and valid photo identification;
  - A military identification;
  - A copy of a current (within the last 12 months) utility bill (including cell phone bill), bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document (but not a voter registration acknowledgement notification mailed by a board of elections) that shows your name and current address (including from a public college or university); or
  - The last four digits of your Social Security number.
  
3. If you cast a provisional ballot because, at the time you voted, you did not have any acceptable form of identification or a Social Security number, and you declined to execute the written affirmation statement swearing to your identity under penalty of election falsification, you must provide to the board of elections one of the following:
  - Acceptable proof of your identity in the form of current and valid photo identification;
  - A military identification;
  - A copy of a current (within the last 12 months) utility bill (including cell phone bill), bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document (but not a voter registration

- acknowledgement notification mailed by a board of elections) that shows your name and current address (including from a public college or university); or
  - The last four digits of your Social Security number; or
  - A signed affirmation statement (provided by the board of elections) stating that you do not have any of the above items.
4. If you cast a provisional ballot because your right to vote was challenged at the polling place under R.C. 3505.20, and the election officials either determined that you were ineligible to vote or were unable to determine your eligibility, you must provide any identification or other documentation required to resolve the challenge.

**If I have recently moved but did not update my voter registration, can I vote a provisional ballot?**

Yes. If you are an Ohio voter who moved from one Ohio precinct to another Ohio precinct and did not submit your change of address to election officials by the voter registration deadline, you still may vote in that election by taking the following steps:

1. If you move from one precinct to another in the same Ohio county, you may report the change and vote using one of the following procedures:
  - a. During the 28 days immediately before the election, go to your county board of elections office or designated site, submit a proper change of address and provisional affirmation statement and vote a provisional ballot for your new voting address; or
  - b. On Election Day, go to one of the following three places: the polling place in the precinct in which your new voting address is located, the board of elections office, or a site designated by that board of elections; submit a proper change of address and provisional affirmation statement and vote a provisional ballot for your new voting address.
  
2. If you move from the Ohio county in which you are registered to vote to another Ohio county, you may report the change and vote using one of the following procedures:
  - a. During the 28 days immediately before the election, go to the board of elections office of the county in which you now reside, submit a proper change of address and provisional affirmation statement and vote a provisional ballot for your new voting address; or

- b. On Election Day, go to one of the following two places: the board of elections office in the county in which you now reside or a site designated by that board of elections and submit a proper change of address and provisional affirmation statement and vote a provisional ballot for your new voting address.

**If I have recently changed my name but did not update my voter registration, can I vote a provisional ballot?**

Yes. If you changed your name and did not submit your change of name to election officials by the voter registration deadline, you may report the change and vote on Election Day by appearing at one of the following places to submit a proper change of name and provisional affirmation statement and vote a provisional ballot:

- a. Your polling place for your precinct or
- b. A site designated by that board of elections.

**On Election Day:**

**VOTING AT THE PRECINCT POLLING PLACE**

**Where do I vote on Election Day?**

On Election Day, you cast your ballot at your precinct’s designated polling place between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. If you do not know where your precinct polling place is located, please contact your county board of elections. If you have access to the Internet, you may also visit the Secretary of State’s website, [www.sos.state.oh.us](http://www.sos.state.oh.us), for the location of your polling place.

**How do I cast my ballot?**

Instructions for casting your ballot are posted in each polling place. If you have any questions about how to mark or cast your ballot, or if you have incorrectly marked a ballot, immediately contact a precinct election official for instructions before you continue.

**May I receive assistance in voting?**

A voter with a physical or mental disability, or a voter who is unable to read or write, may be assisted by anyone of the voter’s choice, except a candidate whose candidacy is being voted on in that precinct, the voter’s employer or the employer’s agent, or an officer or agent of the voter’s union. A voter may

also be assisted by two poll workers (each of a different political party). No one who assists a voter may disclose any information about how that person voted.

**In a primary election, how do I establish which political party’s ballot I am entitled to vote?**

You may vote the primary ballot of the political party with which you currently wish to be affiliated. If you wish to vote a party’s ballot different from what you voted in 2009 or 2010, you must complete a statement at your polling place confirming the change in your political party affiliation.

**May I vote on ballot issues at a primary election without declaring my party affiliation?**

Yes. You may vote on the issues and questions, if any, to be voted on in your precinct by requesting an “issues-only” ballot.

**Will I need an ID to Vote?**

Yes. All voters must bring acceptable identification to the polls in order to verify their identity. Acceptable identification includes a current and valid photo identification; military identification; or a copy of a current (within the last 12 months) utility bill (including cell phone bill), bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document, other than a voter registration acknowledgement notification mailed by the board of elections, that shows the voter’s name and current address (including from a public college or university). Voters who do not provide one of these documents at the polling place will still be able to vote a provisional ballot as described earlier in this guide, and may provide such identification to the board of elections within the 10 days following Election Day. Voters who do not have any of the above forms of identification, including a Social Security number, will still be able to vote by signing an affirmation statement swearing to the voter’s identity under penalty of election falsification and by casting a provisional ballot. (See Voting by Provisional Ballot on page 17 for more information.)

**TTY ASSISTANCE**

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The Secretary of State’s office maintains a telephone line to provide information on registration and voting for hearing-impaired citizens: (614) 728-3295 or (877) 889-6446.

## VOTING RIGHTS INSTITUTE (VRI)

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The Ohio Secretary of State's office seeks to promote civic participation and a stronger democracy by ensuring every Ohioan's right to vote in an election system that is free, fair, open, and honest.

The Secretary of State's Voting Rights Institute will:

- Work with communities, partner with organizations, and implement programs that will ensure a safe, reliable, and trustworthy process that fosters and enhances access to voting in Ohio by all of its eligible citizens;
- Act as a clearinghouse to address voter concerns; and
- Provide leadership on legislative and policy initiatives to accomplish this mission.

If you have a voting issue, concern, or experience you would like to share, please visit the Secretary of State's website at: [www.sos.state.oh.us](http://www.sos.state.oh.us), and complete the "Share Your Voting Experience" survey.

For more information on the VRI, our advisory council, upcoming events, or to receive the quarterly newsletter, please contact:

Voting Rights Institute  
Office of the Ohio Secretary of State  
180 East Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215  
(614) 995-1619 (Main)  
(614) 752-4360 (Fax)

[www.myvoteohio.com](http://www.myvoteohio.com)  
877-VOTE-VRI  
[vri@sos.state.oh.us](mailto:vri@sos.state.oh.us)

## **2011 ELECTION DATES TO REMEMBER**

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### **January 10**

Voter registration ends for February 8 special elections

### **February 8**

Special elections may be held.  
Polls are open 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

### **April 4**

Voter registration ends for May 3 primary and special elections

### **May 3**

Primary and special elections may be held.  
Polls are open 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

### **July 5**

Voter registration deadline for August 2 special elections

### **August 2**

Special elections may be held.  
Polls are open 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

### **October 11**

Voter registration ends for November 8 general election

### **November 8**

General election.  
Polls are open 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.

## COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS CONTACT INFORMATION

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### **ADAMS COUNTY**

215 N. Cross St., Room 103  
West Union, OH 45693  
Telephone: (937) 544-2633  
[www.adamscountyboe.com](http://www.adamscountyboe.com)

### **ALLEN COUNTY**

204 N. Main St.  
Lima, OH 45801  
Telephone: (419) 223-8530  
[www.allencountyohio.com/boe/boe.php](http://www.allencountyohio.com/boe/boe.php)

### **ASHLAND COUNTY**

110 Cottage St.  
Ashland, OH 44805  
Telephone: (419) 282-4224  
[www.ashlandboe.com](http://www.ashlandboe.com)

### **ASHTABULA COUNTY**

8 W. Walnut St.  
Jefferson, OH 44047  
Telephone: (440) 576-6915  
[www.electionsonthe.net/oh/ashtabula](http://www.electionsonthe.net/oh/ashtabula)

### **ATHENS COUNTY**

15 S. Court St., Room 130  
Athens, OH 45701  
Telephone: (740) 592-3201  
[www.athenscountygovernment.com/boe](http://www.athenscountygovernment.com/boe)

### **AUGLAIZE COUNTY**

209 S. Blackhoof, Room 205  
Wapakoneta, OH 45895  
Telephone: (419) 739-6720  
[www2.auglaizecounty.org/departments/board-of-elections](http://www2.auglaizecounty.org/departments/board-of-elections)

### **BELMONT COUNTY**

103 Plaza Dr., Suite B  
St. Clairsville, OH 43950  
Telephone: (740) 526-0188  
Fax: (740) 526-0512  
[sites.google.com/site/belmontcountyboe](http://sites.google.com/site/belmontcountyboe)

### **BROWN COUNTY**

Administration Building  
800 Mt. Orab Pk., Suite 111  
Georgetown, OH 45121  
Telephone: (937) 378-3008  
[www.electionsonthe.net/Oh/Brown](http://www.electionsonthe.net/Oh/Brown)

### **BUTLER COUNTY**

1802 Princeton Rd.  
Hamilton, OH 45011  
Telephone: (513) 887-3700  
[www.butlercountyelections.org](http://www.butlercountyelections.org)

### **CARROLL COUNTY**

Courthouse  
119 S. Lisbon St., Suite 102  
Carrollton, OH 44615  
Telephone: (330) 627-2610  
[www.carrollcountyboe.com](http://www.carrollcountyboe.com)

### **CHAMPAIGN COUNTY**

1512 South U.S. Hwy 68, Suite L100  
Urbana, OH 43078  
Telephone: (937) 484-1575  
[www.electionsonthe.net/OH/CHAMPAIGN](http://www.electionsonthe.net/OH/CHAMPAIGN)

### **CLARK COUNTY**

3130 E. Main St.  
Springfield, OH 45501  
Telephone: (937) 521-2120  
[www.electionsonthe.net/oh/clark](http://www.electionsonthe.net/oh/clark)

### **CLERMONT COUNTY**

76 S. Riverside Dr.  
Batavia, OH 45103  
Telephone: (513) 732-7275  
[www.clermontelections.org](http://www.clermontelections.org)

### **CLINTON COUNTY**

46 S. South St., 1st Floor  
Wilmington, OH 45177  
Telephone: (937) 382-3537  
[www.electionsonthe.net/Oh/Clinton](http://www.electionsonthe.net/Oh/Clinton)

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### **COLUMBIANA COUNTY**

41 N. Park Ave.  
Lisbon, OH 44432  
Telephone: (330) 424-1448 x1652  
[www.columbianacounty.org/BOE/index.htm](http://www.columbianacounty.org/BOE/index.htm)

### **COSHOCTON COUNTY**

724 S. Seventh St., Room 100  
Coshocton, OH 43812  
Telephone: (740) 622-1117  
[www.coshoctoncounty.net/agency/boe/index.php](http://www.coshoctoncounty.net/agency/boe/index.php)

### **CRAWFORD COUNTY**

130 N. Walnut St., Suite A  
Bucyrus, OH 44820  
Telephone: (419) 562-8721  
[sites.google.com/site/crawfordboe/home](https://sites.google.com/site/crawfordboe/home)

### **CUYAHOGA COUNTY**

2925 Euclid Ave.  
Cleveland, OH 44115  
Telephone: (216) 443-3200  
[boe.cuyahogacounty.us](http://boe.cuyahogacounty.us)

### **DARKE COUNTY**

300 Garst Ave.  
Greenville, OH 45331  
Telephone: (937) 548-1835  
[www.electionsonthe.net/oh/Darke](http://www.electionsonthe.net/oh/Darke)

### **DEFIANCE COUNTY**

1300 E. Second St., Suite 103  
Defiance, OH 43512  
Telephone: (419) 782-8543  
[www.defiance-county.com/boardofelections/index.html](http://www.defiance-county.com/boardofelections/index.html)

### **DELAWARE COUNTY**

2079 U.S. 23 North  
Delaware, OH 43015  
Telephone: (740) 833-2080  
[www.co.delaware.oh.us/boe/index.asp](http://www.co.delaware.oh.us/boe/index.asp)

### **ERIE COUNTY**

2900 Columbus Ave.  
Sandusky, OH 44870  
Telephone: (419) 627-7601  
[www.electionsonthe.net/oh/Erie](http://www.electionsonthe.net/oh/Erie)

### **FAIRFIELD COUNTY**

951 Liberty Dr.  
Lancaster, OH 43130  
Telephone: (740) 652-7000  
[www.fairfieldelections.com](http://www.fairfieldelections.com)

### **FAYETTE COUNTY**

133 S. Main St., Suite 404  
Washington Court House, OH 43160  
Telephone: (740) 335-1190  
[www.electionsonthe.net/oh/fayette](http://www.electionsonthe.net/oh/fayette)

### **FRANKLIN COUNTY**

280 E. Broad St., 1st Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215  
Telephone: (614) 525-3100  
[vote.franklincountyohio.gov](http://vote.franklincountyohio.gov)

### **FULTON COUNTY**

525 N. Shoop Ave.  
Wauseon, OH 43567  
Telephone: (419) 335-6841  
[www.fultoncountyoh.com/county\\_agencies/board\\_elections/board\\_elections.htm](http://www.fultoncountyoh.com/county_agencies/board_elections/board_elections.htm)

### **GALLIA COUNTY**

Courthouse  
18 Locust St., 2nd Floor  
Gallipolis, OH 45631  
Telephone: (740) 446-1600  
[www.gallianet.net/Gallia/BOE.htm](http://www.gallianet.net/Gallia/BOE.htm)

### **GEAUGA COUNTY**

470 Center St. - Building 6A  
Chardon, OH 44024  
Telephone: (440) 279-2030  
[www.co.geauga.oh.us/Departments/BOE/main.aspx](http://www.co.geauga.oh.us/Departments/BOE/main.aspx)

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### **GREENE COUNTY**

651 Dayton-Xenia Rd.  
Xenia, OH 45385  
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[www.co.greene.oh.us/BOE](http://www.co.greene.oh.us/BOE)

### **GUERNSEY COUNTY**

627 Wheeling Ave., Suite 101  
Cambridge, OH 43725  
Telephone: (740) 432-2680  
[sites.google.com/site/guernseycountyboe/Home](https://sites.google.com/site/guernseycountyboe/Home)

### **HAMILTON COUNTY**

824 Broadway  
Cincinnati, OH 45202  
Telephone: (513) 632-7000  
[www.votehamiltoncounty.org](http://www.votehamiltoncounty.org)

### **HANCOCK COUNTY**

201 E. Lincoln St., Rear  
Findlay, OH 45840  
Telephone: (419) 422-3245  
[www.hancockboardofelections.com](http://www.hancockboardofelections.com)

### **HARDIN COUNTY**

One Courthouse Sq., Suite 170  
Kenton, OH 43326  
Telephone: (419) 674-2211  
[www.hardincountyelections.com](http://www.hardincountyelections.com)

### **HARRISON COUNTY**

538 N. Main St., Suite B  
Cadiz, OH 43907  
Telephone: (740) 942-8866  
[sites.google.com/site/harrisoncountyboe](https://sites.google.com/site/harrisoncountyboe)

### **HENRY COUNTY**

1827 Oakwood Ave.  
Napoleon, OH 43545  
Telephone: (419) 592-7956  
[www.henrycoelections.com](http://www.henrycoelections.com)

### **HIGHLAND COUNTY**

1575 N. High St., Suite 200  
Hillsboro, OH 45133  
Telephone: (937) 393-9961  
[highlandcountyelections.com](http://highlandcountyelections.com)

### **HOCKING COUNTY**

1 E. Main St.  
Logan, OH 43138  
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[www.hockingcountyboe.org](http://www.hockingcountyboe.org)

### **HOLMES COUNTY**

75 E. Clinton St., Suite 108  
Millersburg, OH 44654  
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[www.holmescountyboardofelections.com](http://www.holmescountyboardofelections.com)

### **HURON COUNTY**

County Administration Building  
180 Milan Ave., Suite 4  
Norwalk, OH 44857  
Telephone: (419) 668-8238  
[www.huroncountyboe.com](http://www.huroncountyboe.com)

### **JACKSON COUNTY**

275 Portsmouth St., Suite 2  
Jackson, OH 45640  
Telephone: (740) 286-2905  
[sites.google.com/site/jacksoncountyboe](https://sites.google.com/site/jacksoncountyboe)

### **JEFFERSON COUNTY**

117 N. Third St.  
Steubenville, OH 43952  
Telephone: (740) 283-8522  
[www.electionsonthe.net/oh/jefferson](http://www.electionsonthe.net/oh/jefferson)

### **KNOX COUNTY**

117 E. High St., Suite 210  
Mt. Vernon, OH 43050  
Telephone: (740) 393-6716  
[www.co.knox.oh.us/offices/boe](http://www.co.knox.oh.us/offices/boe)

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### LAKE COUNTY

105 Main St.  
Painesville, OH 44077  
Telephone: (440) 350-2700  
[www.lakeelections.com](http://www.lakeelections.com)

### LAWRENCE COUNTY

Veterans Square  
111 S. Fourth St.  
Ironton, OH 45638  
Telephone: (740) 532-0444  
[www.lawrencecountyohio.org/](http://www.lawrencecountyohio.org/)

### LICKING COUNTY

County Administration Building  
20 S. Second St.  
Newark, OH 43058  
Telephone: (740) 670-5080  
[www.electionsonthe.net/oh/licking](http://www.electionsonthe.net/oh/licking)

### LOGAN COUNTY

255 S. Main St.  
Bellefontaine, OH 43311  
Telephone: (937) 599-7255  
[co.logan.oh.us/elections](http://co.logan.oh.us/elections)

### LORAIN COUNTY

1985 North Ridge Rd. E  
Lorain, OH 44055  
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[www.loraincountyelections.com](http://www.loraincountyelections.com)

### LUCAS COUNTY

One Government Center, Suite 300  
Toledo, OH 43604  
Telephone: (419) 213-4001  
[www.lucascountyvotes.org](http://www.lucascountyvotes.org)

### MADISON COUNTY

117 W. High St., Suite 102  
London, OH 43140  
Telephone: (740) 852-9424  
[www.co.madison.oh.us/15001/index.html](http://www.co.madison.oh.us/15001/index.html)

### MAHONING COUNTY

2801 Market St.  
Youngstown, OH 44507  
Telephone: (330) 783-2474  
[www.mahoningcountyoh.gov/  
DepartmentsAgencies/  
Departments/BoardofElections/  
tabid/740/Default.aspx](http://www.mahoningcountyoh.gov/DepartmentsAgencies/Departments/BoardofElections/tabid/740/Default.aspx)

### MARION COUNTY

222 W. Center St.  
Marion, OH 43302  
Telephone: (740) 223-4090  
[www.marionelections.com](http://www.marionelections.com)

### MEDINA COUNTY

4210 N. Jefferson St.  
Medina, OH 44256  
Telephone: (330) 722-9278  
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### MEIGS COUNTY

117 E. Memorial Dr., Suite 1  
Pomeroy, OH 45769  
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[www.electionsonthe.net/oh/meigs](http://www.electionsonthe.net/oh/meigs)

### MERCER COUNTY

101 N. Main St., Room 107  
Celina, OH 45822  
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[www.mercercountyohio.org/elections/](http://www.mercercountyohio.org/elections/)

### MIAMI COUNTY

Courthouse  
215 W. Main St.  
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[www.miamicountyelections.org](http://www.miamicountyelections.org)

### MONROE COUNTY

47084 Black Walnut Pkwy., Suite 3  
Woodsfield, OH 43793  
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### **MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

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[www.mcboe.org](http://www.mcboe.org)

### **MORGAN COUNTY**

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McConnelsville, OH 43756  
Telephone: (740) 962-3116  
[sites.google.com/site/morgancountyboardofelections](http://sites.google.com/site/morgancountyboardofelections)

### **MORROW COUNTY**

619 W. Marion Rd.  
Mt. Gilead, OH 43338  
Telephone: (419) 946-4026  
[www.morrowcounty.info](http://www.morrowcounty.info)

### **MUSKINGUM COUNTY**

205 N. Seventh St.  
Zanesville, OH 43701  
Telephone: (740) 455-7120  
[boe.muskingumcounty.org](http://boe.muskingumcounty.org)

### **NOBLE COUNTY**

140 Courthouse  
Caldwell, OH 43724  
Telephone: (740) 732-2057  
[sites.google.com/site/noblecountyboe](http://sites.google.com/site/noblecountyboe)

### **OTTAWA COUNTY**

8444 W. State Route 163, Suite 101  
Oak Harbor, OH 43449  
Telephone: (419) 898-3071  
[www.co.ottawa.oh.us/OCBoardofElections/index2.htm](http://www.co.ottawa.oh.us/OCBoardofElections/index2.htm)

### **PAULDING COUNTY**

105 E. Perry St.  
Paulding, OH 45879  
Telephone: (419) 399-8230  
[sites.google.com/site/pauldingboe](http://sites.google.com/site/pauldingboe)

### **PERRY COUNTY**

121 W. Brown St.  
New Lexington, OH 43764  
Telephone: (740) 342-2134  
[sites.google.com/site/perrycountyelections](http://sites.google.com/site/perrycountyelections)

### **PICKAWAY COUNTY**

141 W. Main St., Suite 800  
Circleville, OH 43113  
Telephone: (740) 474-1100  
[www.electionsonthe.net/oh/pickaway](http://www.electionsonthe.net/oh/pickaway)

### **PIKE COUNTY**

230 Waverly Plaza, Suite 1100  
Waverly, OH 45690  
Telephone: (740) 947-4512  
[sites.google.com/site/pikecountyboe](http://sites.google.com/site/pikecountyboe)

### **PORTAGE COUNTY**

449 S. Meridian St., Room 101  
Ravenna, OH 44266  
Telephone: (330) 297-3511  
[www.co.portage.oh.us/election/index.html](http://www.co.portage.oh.us/election/index.html)

### **PREBLE COUNTY**

Courthouse  
101 E. Main St.  
Eaton, OH 45320  
Telephone: (937) 456-8117  
[www.electionsonthe.net/Oh/Preble](http://www.electionsonthe.net/Oh/Preble)

### **PUTNAM COUNTY**

336 E. Main St., Suite A  
Ottawa, OH 45875  
Telephone: (419) 523-3343  
[www.putnamcountyohio.gov/boardofelections.htm](http://www.putnamcountyohio.gov/boardofelections.htm)

### **RICHLAND COUNTY**

1495 W. Longview Ave., Suite 101  
Mansfield, OH 44906  
Telephone: (419) 774-5530  
[www.richlandcountyoh.us/boe.htm](http://www.richlandcountyoh.us/boe.htm)

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### **ROSS COUNTY**

475 Western Ave., Suite D  
Chillicothe, OH 45601  
Telephone: (740) 775-2350  
[www.electionsonthe.net/Oh/Ross](http://www.electionsonthe.net/Oh/Ross)

### **SANDUSKY COUNTY**

2020 Countryside Dr.  
Fremont, OH 43420  
Telephone: (419) 334-6180  
[www.sandusky-county.org/Elected%20Officials/Board%20of%20Elections/default.asp](http://www.sandusky-county.org/Elected%20Officials/Board%20of%20Elections/default.asp)

### **SCIOTO COUNTY**

602 Seventh St., Rm 105  
Portsmouth, OH 45662  
Telephone: (740) 353-4178  
[sites.google.com/site/sciotocountyboe](http://sites.google.com/site/sciotocountyboe)

### **SENECA COUNTY**

71 S. Washington St., Ste. 1101  
Tiffin, OH 44883  
Telephone: (419) 447-4424  
[www.electionsonthe.net/oh/seneca](http://www.electionsonthe.net/oh/seneca)

### **SHELBY COUNTY**

230 E. Court St.  
Sidney, OH 45365  
Telephone: (937) 498-7207  
[www.co.shelby.oh.us/electionsboard/index.asp](http://www.co.shelby.oh.us/electionsboard/index.asp)

### **STARK COUNTY**

201 Third St. NE  
Canton, OH 44702  
Telephone: (330) 451-8683  
[www.boe.co.stark.oh.us](http://www.boe.co.stark.oh.us)

### **SUMMIT COUNTY**

470 Grant St.  
Akron, OH 44311  
Telephone: (330) 643-5200  
[www.summitcountyboe.com](http://www.summitcountyboe.com)

### **TRUMBULL COUNTY**

2947 Youngstown Rd., SE  
Warren, OH 44484  
Telephone: (330) 369-4050  
[www.electionohio.com/trumbull](http://www.electionohio.com/trumbull)

### **TUSCARAWAS COUNTY**

Courthouse Square  
101 E. High Ave.  
New Philadelphia, OH 44663  
Telephone: (330) 343-8819  
[boe.co.tuscarawas.oh.us](http://boe.co.tuscarawas.oh.us)

### **UNION COUNTY**

Union County Services Center  
940 London Ave., Suite 1000  
Marysville, OH 43040  
Telephone: (937) 642-2836  
[www.electionsonthe.net/oh/union](http://www.electionsonthe.net/oh/union)

### **VAN WERT COUNTY**

County Annex  
120 E. Main St.  
Van Wert, OH 45891  
Telephone: (419) 238-4192  
[www.vanwertcounty.org/elections](http://www.vanwertcounty.org/elections)

### **VINTON COUNTY**

Community Building  
31935 SR 93, Unit 1  
McArthur, OH 45651  
Telephone: (740) 596-5855  
[www.vintoncounty.com/Board\\_of\\_Elections.htm/](http://www.vintoncounty.com/Board_of_Elections.htm/)

### **WARREN COUNTY**

406 Justice Dr., Room 323  
Lebanon, OH 45036  
Telephone: (513) 695-1358  
[www.co.warren.oh.us/bdelec/index.asp](http://www.co.warren.oh.us/bdelec/index.asp)

## COUNTY BOARDS OF ELECTIONS CONTACT INFORMATION

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### **WASHINGTON COUNTY**

Courthouse  
205 Putnam St.  
Marietta, OH 45750  
Telephone: (740) 374-6828  
[www.electionsonthe.net/oh/washington/index.htm](http://www.electionsonthe.net/oh/washington/index.htm)

### **WAYNE COUNTY**

200 Vanover St., Suite 1  
Wooster, OH 44691  
Telephone: (330) 287-5480  
[www.votewayne.org](http://www.votewayne.org)

### **WILLIAMS COUNTY**

228 S. Main St.  
Bryan, OH 43506  
Telephone: (419) 636-1854  
[www.co.williams.oh.us/BOE/Wms\\_Co\\_Bd\\_of\\_elec\\_2010.htm](http://www.co.williams.oh.us/BOE/Wms_Co_Bd_of_elec_2010.htm)

### **WOOD COUNTY**

1 Court House Sq.  
Bowling Green, OH 43402  
Telephone: (419) 354-9120  
[www.co.wood.oh.us/BOE](http://www.co.wood.oh.us/BOE)

### **WYANDOT COUNTY**

109 S. Sandusky Ave., Room 12  
Upper Sandusky, OH 43351  
Telephone: (419) 294-1226  
[www.co.wyandot.oh.us/boardofelections/default.html](http://www.co.wyandot.oh.us/boardofelections/default.html)





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Serve your community, Ohio and your country!  
On Election Day - be a Poll Worker!**

To sign up to be a poll worker, please complete the form below and send it to your county board of elections office (see pages 25-31 for county boards of elections' contact information).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Party Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this form directly to your county board of elections office. For more information, please contact an election official in your county.

**Quick Facts about Poll Workers:**

1. Poll workers are always needed;
2. Serving your county on Election Day is an important contribution to democracy;
3. You can earn extra money by working the polls;
4. Work hours are approximately 6:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.;
5. To be a poll worker, you must be at least 17 years of age and a registered voter; and
6. You will need to attend a paid training session(s) to work at the polls.

