

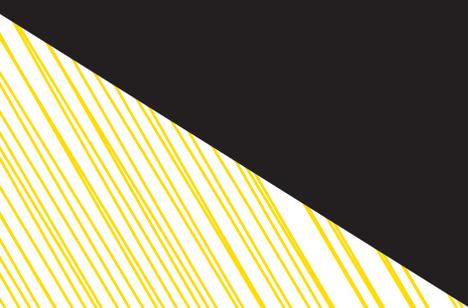


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# VOTING IN MARYLAND

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## 2013-2014



# Voter Registration

## Eligibility

*Am I eligible to register to vote?*

To register to vote, you must be:

- > A U.S. citizen;
- > A Maryland resident; and
- > At least 16 years old\*.

You cannot have been:

- > Convicted of buying or selling votes;
- > Found by a court to be incapable of voting by reason of mental disability; or
- > Convicted of a felony or if you have, you have completed a court-ordered sentence of imprisonment, including any term of parole or probation for the conviction.

\*You may register to vote if you are at least 16 years old but you cannot vote unless you will be at least 18 years old by the next general election.

*Can I register to vote if I am in the military or live outside the U.S.?*

Certain U.S. citizens who are in the military or live outside the U.S. are eligible to register and vote in Maryland. If you are military personnel or a dependent of military personnel or you live outside the U.S., you may register to vote in Maryland if your current or last U.S. residence was in Maryland.

*Can I register to vote if I have been convicted of a crime?*

If you have been convicted of a felony, you may register to vote once you have completed the court-ordered sentence of imprisonment, including any term of parole or probation for the conviction. For the purposes of eligibility to register to vote, convictions include federal, state and out-of-state convictions.

You are not eligible to vote if you have been convicted of buying or selling votes.

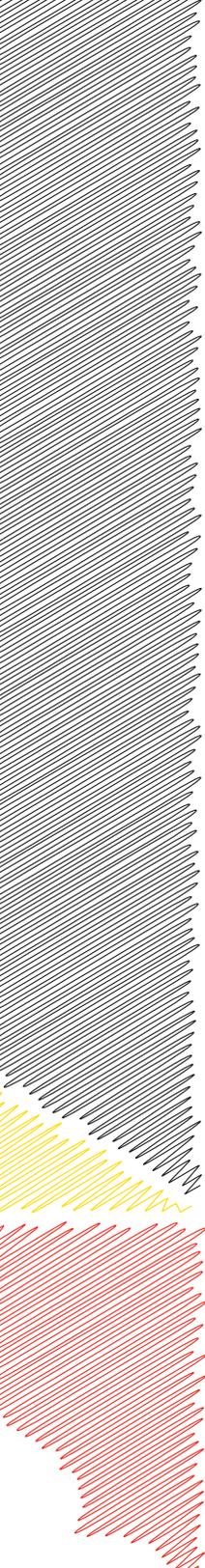
*How can I find out if I am eligible to have my voting rights restored after a felony conviction?*

You should contact the Division of Parole and Probation within the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services or a comparable agency in the state in which you were convicted.

## Process

*When may I apply to register to vote?*

You can submit a voter registration application at any time. However, your application must be postmarked by the voter registration deadline in order to vote in the next scheduled election. If you submit a voter registration application during the period that registration is closed, your application will not be processed until registration reopens after the election.



## Voter Registration

The close of voter registration is:

- June 3, 2014, for the Gubernatorial Primary Election
- October 14, 2014, for the Gubernatorial General Election

### *How can I apply to register to vote?*

There are three ways you can register to vote.

- Register to vote online. To register online, you must have a Maryland driver's license or MVA-issued ID card. If you have one, go to [www.elections.maryland.gov](http://www.elections.maryland.gov) and enter the requested information.
- Register to vote in person. You can complete a voter registration application in person at:
  - > Your local board of elections;
  - > The State Board of Elections;
  - > The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene;
  - > The Department of Social Services;
  - > The Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA);
  - > Offices on Aging;
  - > The MTA Paratransit Certification Office;
  - > All public institutions of higher education;
  - > Recruitment offices of the U.S. Armed Forces;
  - > Marriage license offices; and
  - > Offices for students with disabilities at all Maryland colleges and universities.
- Register to vote by mail. You may print an application from [www.elections.maryland.gov](http://www.elections.maryland.gov) or contact your local board of elections or the State Board of Elections to request an application.

### *What information do I need to provide on the application?*

In addition to basic identifying information, federal law requires that you provide a Maryland driver's license number or MVA ID Card number or, if you do not have a Maryland driver's license or MVA ID Card, the last four digits of your social security number. Your application will NOT be processed unless you provide this information or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that you do not have a Maryland driver's license, MVA ID Card, or social security number.

### *How do I affiliate with a political party?*

You can register with any of Maryland's recognized political parties. If you choose not to register with a party, you will be registered as "unaffiliated." As an "unaffiliated" voter, you generally cannot to vote in primary elections, but you can vote in any nonpartisan primary election held in your jurisdiction, such as a primary election to select nominees for the board of education, and any general election.

## Verification of Registration

If your application is complete, you are considered a registered voter. You will receive in the mail a Voter Notification Card. Contact your local board of elections if you do not receive this card three weeks after you submit your application. You can also verify whether you are registered to vote by visiting [www.elections.maryland.gov](http://www.elections.maryland.gov).

Registration is permanent as long as you continue to live in Maryland and keep your name and address current with your local board of elections. You do not have to re-register when you move within the State.

## Updating Information

### Name and Address

There are three ways to change your name and address.

- Update your information online. To update your information online, you must have a Maryland driver's license or MVA ID card. If you have one, go to [www.elections.maryland.gov](http://www.elections.maryland.gov) and enter the requested information.
- Update your information at the MVA. When you give MVA your new address, MVA will forward this information to your local board of elections unless you checked that you did **not** want to update your voter registration information.
- Update your information by mail or fax. Mail or fax to your local board of elections a new voter registration application or a signed written request.

You will receive a Voter Notification Card with your updated information. Contact the local board of elections where you now live if you do not receive a new Voter Notification Card three weeks after you submit your information. You can also verify whether the local board of elections has your new information by visiting [www.elections.maryland.gov](http://www.elections.maryland.gov).

*What should I do if I move to another county within the State or to Baltimore City?*

You should immediately provide your new address to the local board of elections in your new jurisdiction.

### Political Party

*May I change parties?*

Yes. There are two ways to change your party affiliation.

- Change your party affiliation online. To change it online, you must have a Maryland driver's license or MVA ID card. If you have

## Contests to be elected

- one, go to [www.elections.maryland.gov](http://www.elections.maryland.gov) and enter the requested information.
- Change your party affiliation by mail or fax. Mail or fax to your local board of elections a new voter registration application or a signed written request.

### *When can I change parties?*

You can submit a party change at any time, but the deadline to change your party for the 2014 Gubernatorial Primary Election is June 3, 2014. If you request a party change after June 3rd, your request will not be processed until registration reopens after the primary election.

## Primary Elections

### *What is a party primary election?*

The Democratic and Republican Parties use primary elections to choose their candidates for the general election.

### *How can I vote in a party primary election?*

Generally, you must be registered as a Democrat or Republican to take part in that party's primary election.

## Contests on the 2014 Gubernatorial Ballot

Governor/Lt. Governor

Comptroller

Attorney General

Representatives in Congress

State Senator

House of Delegates

County Executive (Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Frederick, Harford, Howard,

Montgomery, Prince George's, and Wicomico Counties)

President of the County Council (Harford County)

County Commissioner President (Charles and St. Mary's Counties)

County Council (Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Cecil, Dorchester, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery, Prince George's, Talbot, and Wicomico Counties)

County Commissioner (Allegany, Calvert, Caroline, Carroll, Charles, Garrett, Kent, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Somerset, Washington, and Worcester Counties)

Judges of the Circuit Court

Judges of the Court of Special Appeals (General Election Only)

Judges of the Court of Appeals (General Election Only)

Treasurer (Calvert, St. Mary's, and Washington Counties)

State's Attorney

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Register of Wills

Judge of the Orphans' Court

Sheriff

Democratic Central Committee Members (Primary Election Only)

Republican Central Committee Members (Primary Election Only)

Board of Education (Allegany, Anne Arundel - General Election Only, Calvert, Caroline, Carroll, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Frederick, Garrett, Harford, Howard, Kent, Montgomery, Prince George's, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Somerset, Talbot, Washington, and Worcester Counties)

## 2014 Gubernatorial Election Calendar

### Last day to register to vote before the Primary Election

June 3, 2014 > 9 pm

### Early Voting

June 12-19, 2014 > centers open 10 am to 8 pm

### Primary Election Day

June 24, 2014 > polls open 7 am to 8 pm

### Voter registration reopens

July 7, 2014

### Last day to register to vote before the General Election

October 14, 2014 > 9 pm

### Early Voting

October 23-30, 2014 > centers open 10 am to 8 pm

### General Election Day

November 4, 2014 > polls open 7 am to 8 pm

### Voter registration reopens

November 17, 2014

## In Person Voting

You may vote in person during early voting or at your assigned polling place on election day.

### When and Where

#### *When can I vote?*

Please review the 2014 Gubernatorial Election calendar in this brochure for early voting dates. During the early voting period, early voting centers are open continuously from 10 am to 8 pm.

On election day, polls are open continuously from 7 am to 8 pm.

If you are in line at 8 pm, you will be able to vote. If you are unable to vote during early voting or on election day or would prefer to vote by absentee ballot, please review the section on absentee voting.

#### *Where will I vote?*

During early voting, you can vote at any early voting center in the jurisdiction where you reside. Early voting centers are listed at [www.elections.maryland.gov](http://www.elections.maryland.gov).

On election day, you should vote at the polling place listed on your Voter Notification Card. You can also look up your polling place at [www.elections.maryland.gov](http://www.elections.maryland.gov).

### Voting Systems

#### *How will I cast my vote?*

During early voting or on election day, you will vote on a touchscreen voting system. With this system, you touch the screen to make, change, and review selections and cast a ballot.

There will be instructions at the early voting centers and at your polling place to familiarize you with the ballot. You may ask an election judge to explain how to vote, but you must cast your vote alone, unless you are unable to do so because you have a disability or are unable to read or write the English language.

For absentee voting and provisional voting, you will be issued a paper ballot. You will fill in the oval next to the candidate or ballot question response for which you want to vote. At the local board of elections, your ballot is fed into an optical scan voting unit, which reads and tabulates the selections you made.

## Language

*Are election materials available in languages other than English?*

Federal law requires Montgomery County to provide election materials in Spanish. Non-English materials may be provided in other jurisdictions. Contact your local board of elections to find out if materials are available in other languages.

## Accessibility

Maryland's touchscreen voting system allows for independent voting by most voters with disabilities. The ballot is available in magnified and contrasting text and in an audio format. The touchscreen is adjustable for voters who prefer to sit while voting.

## Assistance

If you have a disability or are unable to write or read English, you may have someone help you. By law, your employer, an agent of your employer, an officer or agent of your union, or a challenger or watcher **cannot** help you. An election judge may help you, but only if another election judge of a different political party is present.

# Absentee Voting

## Eligibility

Any registered voter may vote by absentee ballot.

## Application Process

*How do I apply for an absentee ballot?*

There are two ways to request an absentee ballot.

- Request a ballot online. To make the request online, you must have a Maryland driver's license or MVA-issued ID card. If you have one, go to [www.elections.maryland.gov](http://www.elections.maryland.gov) and enter the requested information.
- Request a ballot by mail or fax. Mail or fax to your local board of elections your request. The request form is available at [www.elections.maryland.gov](http://www.elections.maryland.gov) or can be requested by phone, in writing, or in person at your local board of elections.

The deadline to request an absentee ballot for the 2014 Primary Election is:

- > Tuesday, June 17, 2014, if you want to receive your ballot by mail or fax
- > Friday, June 20, 2014, if you want to download your ballot from the State's website

## Absentee Voting

The deadline to request an absentee ballot for the 2014 General Election is:

- > Tuesday, October 28, 2014, if you want to receive your ballot by mail or fax
- > Friday, October 31, 2014, if you want to download your ballot from the State's website

If you miss the deadline and want to vote by absentee ballot, you must apply in person at your local board of elections.

### *When will I receive my absentee ballot?*

Once the local board of elections processes your application and deems you qualified, your ballot will be mailed or issued to you. Ballots are typically available 3 weeks before an election. If you are a military voter or a voter who lives outside the U.S., your ballot will be transmitted to you at least 45 days before an election.

### *Can someone else pick up and return my absentee ballot?*

You may designate an agent to pick up and return your absentee ballot. You and the person picking up and returning your ballot must complete a form. The form is available at [www.elections.maryland.gov](http://www.elections.maryland.gov) or from your local board of elections.

## Voting Process

### *How do I cast an absentee ballot?*

With your absentee ballot, you will receive detailed instructions on how to complete the ballot. Please read these instructions and return the voted ballot to your local board of elections promptly.

- > If you hand deliver your absentee ballot, you must deliver it to your local board of elections by 8 pm on election day.
- > If you mail your absentee ballot, the envelope must be postmarked on or before election day and received by your local board of elections by 10 am on:
  - Monday, July 7, 2014, for the 2014 Gubernatorial Primary Election
  - Friday, November 14, 2014, for the 2014 Gubernatorial General Election

**All ballots must have a postmark on or before election day. You must sign the absentee oath and put postage on the envelope.**

# Voting Instructions for AccuVote-TS™

Maryland's voting system features enhance voter accessibility.

Please ask the election judge about your voting options:



- Audio Ballot with headphones and keypad
- Adjustable Screen for seated voting
- Large Text
- High Contrast



## Start: Insert Card

1

Insert voter access card into slot at right of screen. Card should be face up with the arrow first. Push card firmly until you hear a click.

## Read "Instructions to Voters"

- Touch "Large Text" to increase text size.
- Touch "High Contrast" to view a black and white ballot.
- Touch "Next" to access ballot.

2

## Select Candidates or Questions

Touch the box next to the candidate or question of your choice. To change or cancel your selection, touch the box again.

Touch "Next" to advance the ballot page.

Touch "Instructions" to go back to the instructions page.

Touch "Previous" to go to previous screen.

3

## Review & Cast Ballot

On "Summary Page," review your choices. If you do not fully vote a contest, "Position Not Voted" will appear in red.

To go back, Touch a contest or Touch "Previous".

Touch "Cast Ballot" when ready to record your vote.

Once your ballot is "cast," you may not vote again.

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## Finish: Remove Card

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Remove the voter access card and return it to the election judge.



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[www.gov.allconet.org/elections/election\\_home.htm](http://www.gov.allconet.org/elections/election_home.htm)

### Anne Arundel County

410-222-6600  
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[www.aacounty.org/elections](http://www.aacounty.org/elections)

### Baltimore City

410-396-5550  
[election.judge@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:election.judge@baltimorecity.gov)  
[www.baltimorecity.gov/government/elections](http://www.baltimorecity.gov/government/elections)

### Baltimore County

410-887-5700  
[elections@baltimorecountymd.gov](mailto:elections@baltimorecountymd.gov)  
[www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/elections](http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/elections)

### Calvert County

410-535-2214  
[elections@co.cal.md.us](mailto:elections@co.cal.md.us)  
[www.co.cal.md.us/index.aspx?nid=154](http://www.co.cal.md.us/index.aspx?nid=154)

### Caroline County

410-479-8145  
[election@carolinemd.org](mailto:election@carolinemd.org)  
[www.carolinemdelections.org](http://www.carolinemdelections.org)

### Carroll County

410-386-2080  
[ccboe@ccg.carr.org](mailto:ccboe@ccg.carr.org)  
[ccgovernment.carr.org/ccg/election](http://ccgovernment.carr.org/ccg/election)

### Cecil County

410-996-5310  
[lwalters@ccgov.org](mailto:lwalters@ccgov.org)  
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### Charles County

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[www.CharlesCounty.org/boe](http://www.CharlesCounty.org/boe)

### Dorchester County

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### Frederick County

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[electionboard@FrederickCountyMD.gov](mailto:electionboard@FrederickCountyMD.gov)  
[www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/elections](http://www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/elections)

### Garrett County

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### Harford County

410-638-3565  
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### Howard County

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### Kent County

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### Montgomery County

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TDD 800-735-2258  
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[www.777vote.org](http://www.777vote.org)

### Prince George's County

301-341-7300  
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[www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/elections](http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/elections)

### Queen Anne's County

410-758-0832  
[margie.calvello@maryland.gov](mailto:margie.calvello@maryland.gov)  
[www.qacelections.com](http://www.qacelections.com)

### St. Mary's County

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[wendy.adkins@stmarysm.com](mailto:wendy.adkins@stmarysm.com)  
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### Somerset County

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[elections@somersetmd.us](mailto:elections@somersetmd.us)  
[www.co.somerset.md.us/elections.html](http://www.co.somerset.md.us/elections.html)

### Talbot County

410-770-8099  
[patti.mitchell@maryland.gov](mailto:patti.mitchell@maryland.gov)  
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### Washington County

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### Wicomico County

410-548-4830  
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