

PENNSYLVANIA | VOTING LAWS

Registration — no later than October 23, 2022
Election Dates: Primary Election — May 17, 2022
General Election — November 8, 2022

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BRIEF STATEMENT OF CURRENT ELECTION LAWS

THE BASICS:

- Pennsylvania permits no-excuse absentee voting.
- Pennsylvania implemented an online voter registration system in August 2015.
- Since Pennsylvania's voter ID law was struck down in 2014, voters are generally not required to present identification at the polls (however, a voter who is voting at a polling place for the first time must present identification).
- In Pennsylvania, individuals convicted of a felony automatically regain their voting rights upon completion of their incarceration, with the exception of violations of the Pennsylvania Election Code, which bar an individual from voting for four years after conviction for the offense.

REGISTRATION RULES

To register in Pennsylvania you must:

- Be a United States citizen at least 30 days before the next election
- Be a resident of Pennsylvania and your election district for at least 30 days before the next election
- Be at least 18 years of age on the day of the next election

KEY ID REQUIREMENTS SOURCES

SUMMARY: Pennsylvania does not generally require voters to present identification while voting in most cases. However, a voter who is voting at a polling place for the first time must present identification. Accepted IDs include:

- Pennsylvania driver's license or PennDOT ID card
- ID issued by any Pennsylvania agency
- ID issued by the U.S. government

U.S. passport DETAILS: If a voter is voting for the first time in an election district, the voter must show proof of identification, either photo or non-photo identification. Returning voters need not show any identification unless otherwise noted in the poll book. Forms of photo identification include:

- Pennsylvania driver's license or PennDOT ID card
- ID issued by any Commonwealth agency
- ID issued by the U.S. Government
- U.S. passport
- U.S. Armed Forces ID
- Student ID
- Employee ID

A non-photo identification that includes the voter's name and address is also acceptable. Forms of non-photo identification include:

- Voter registration card issued by the County Voter Registration Office
- Non-photo ID issued by the Commonwealth
- Non-photo ID issued by the U.S. Government
- Non-photo ID issued by any agency of the Commonwealth or U.S. Government
- Firearm permit
- Current utility bill
- Current bank statement
- Paycheck
- Government check