

TEXAS | VOTING LAWS

Registration — no later than October 9, 2022
Election Dates: Primary Election — March 1, 2022
 General Election — November 8, 2022

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BRIEF STATEMENT OF CURRENT ELECTION LAWS

THE BASICS:

- Texas permits early voting, but does not allow online voter registration and no-excuse absentee voting.
 - Texas requires voters to present photo identification while voting
- On September 7, 2021, Governor Greg Abbott (R) signed SB1 into law, making a series of changes to Texas' election administration laws. These changes included, but were not limited to:
- **Early voting:** Extended early voting hours, to nine hours per day.
 - **Absentee/mail-in voting:** An individual voting by absentee/mail-in ballot must include a driver's license number or the last four digits of a Social Security number.
 - **Voter assistance:** Individuals assisting a voter must sign a document attesting that the voter requires assistance due to physical disability or inability to read the ballot.
 - **Poll watcher** were provided protections.
 - **Crimes:** SB1 established as crimes. "In-person interaction with one or more voters, during the voting process.
 - "Unlawful solicitation and distribution of a ballot by mail

REGISTRATION RULES

Application must be received in the Voter Registrar's office or postmarked at least 30* days before an election for the voter to be eligible to vote in that election.

Voter are eligible to register to vote if:

- They are a United States citizen;
- They are a residents of the county where they submit the application;
- They are at least 17 years and 10 months old, and are 18 years of age on Election Day.
- The potential voter is not a convicted felon (eligible to vote if the person has completed the sentence, probation, and parole); and has not been declared by a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be either totally mentally incapacitated or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote.

KEY ID REQUIREMENTS SOURCES

SUMMARY: Texas requires voters to present photo identification (ID) while voting. Accepted forms of ID include Texas driver's licenses, U.S. passports, and Texas handgun licenses.

DETAILS: If the voter possess one of the following forms of acceptable photo ID, that voter must present it when voting in person:*

- Texas Driver License issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS
- Texas Personal Identification Card issued by DPS
- Texas Handgun License issued by DPS
- United States Military Identification Card containing your photograph
- United States Citizenship Certificate containing the voter's photograph
- United States Passport (book or card)

If the voter does not possess and cannot reasonably obtain one of the IDs? That voter then must Fill out a declaration at the polls describing a reasonable impediment to obtaining it, and show a copy or original of one of the following supporting forms of ID:

- *With the exception of the U.S. Citizenship Certificate, for voters aged 18-69, the acceptable form of photo identification must be current or have expired no more than 4 years before being presented for voter qualification at the polling place. A person 70 years of age or older may use a form of acceptable photo
- identification that has expired if the identification is otherwise valid.
- Exemptions: Voters with a disability may apply with the county voter registrar for a permanent exemption to showing acceptable photo ID or following the Reasonable Impediment Declaration procedure at the polls. Voters with a religious objection to being photographed or voters who do not present an acceptable form of photo identification or follow the Reasonable Impediment Declaration procedure at the polls because of certain natural disasters may apply for a temporary exemption to showing an acceptable form of photo identification or following the Reasonable Impediment Declaration procedure at the polls. Please contact your voter registrar for more details.