

# OHIO | VOTING LAWS

**Registration** — no later than October 11, 2022  
**Election Dates:** Primary Election — May 3, 2022  
 General Election — November 8, 2022

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BRIEF STATEMENT OF CURRENT ELECTION LAWS	REGISTRATION RULES	KEY ID REQUIREMENTS SOURCES
<p><b>THE BASICS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ohio permits early voting, no-excuse absentee voting, and online voter registration.</li> <li>An Ohio voter must provide some form of documentation proving his or her identity at the polls, but a photo is not required.</li> <li>In Ohio, individuals convicted of a felony automatically regain their voting rights upon release from prison or jail. Those who have committed two or more felony offenses pertaining to elections are ineligible to vote.</li> </ul>	<p>You are eligible to vote in Ohio if you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are a U.S citizen</li> <li>Are a resident of Ohio</li> <li>Are at least 18 years old by Election Day</li> <li>Live in the precinct where you vote for at least 30 days prior to the election</li> </ul> <p>You are NOT eligible to vote in Ohio if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You have been permanently disenfranchised for violating the election laws</li> <li>You are incarcerated (in prison or jail) for a felony conviction under the laws of this state, another state, or the United States</li> <li>You have been declared incompetent for voting purposes by a probate court</li> </ul>	<p><b>SUMMARY:</b> Ohio requires voters to present non-photo identification (ID) while voting. Accepted forms of ID include a valid Ohio driver's license, military ID, and current utility bill.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> There are several types of valid ID.</p> <p><b>Photo ID:</b> Any document issued by the U.S. government or the State of Ohio that includes ALL of the following is an acceptable photo identification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An expiration date that has not passed;</li> <li>A photograph of the voter;</li> <li>The voter's name, which must substantially conform to the voter's name as it appears in the Poll List or in the Poll Book; and</li> <li>The voter's current address, which must substantially conform to the voter's address as it appears in the Poll List or in the Poll Book UNLESS the ID is an Ohio driver's license or state ID card.</li> </ul> <p><b>NOTICE:</b> An unexpired Ohio Driver License, State ID Card, or Interim Documentation with the former address IS an ACCEPTABLE form of ID when your current address is in the pollbook.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Military ID:</b> Valid military identification cards or copies of such cards must be accepted regardless of whether they contain a name or address. However, this form of ID must still allow a precinct election official to determine that it is the military ID card of the person who is presenting it for the purpose of voting.</li> <li><b>Utility Bill:</b> A utility bill is a statement of fees owed and/or paid for services, and includes, but is not limited to, water, sewer, electric, heating, cable, internet, telephone and cellular telephone services. A valid utility bill may show a \$0.00 balance or no amount owed.</li> <li><b>Bank Statement:</b> A bank statement includes, but is not limited to, a statement from any financial or brokerage institution.       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Government Check:</b> A government check includes, but is not limited to, a paycheck, check stub or receipt provided for direct deposit of funds issued by any level of government (known as "political subdivision") in Ohio, or for any other state, or the United States government.</li> <li><b>Paycheck:</b> A paycheck includes a paycheck, check stub or receipt provided for the direct deposit of wages or earnings from any public or private employer.</li> </ul> </li> <li>For the forms of ID listed in 3-6 above, the following rules for determining their validity apply:       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The document may be a printout of an electronically transmitted copy or regular paper copy.</li> <li>The name and address on the document must conform to the voter's information as it appears in the Poll Book.</li> <li>The document must be current within 12 months of the Election Day for which the voter is presenting it.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Other Government Document:</b> Must contain the correct name and current address of voter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Other government documents are acceptable forms of voter identification. A government document is a document that is issued by a government office, which includes any local (city, county, township and village government), state or federal government office, branch, agency, department, division or similar component, including a board, commission, public college or university or public community college, whether or not in Ohio. Examples of government documents include, but are not limited to, letters, tax bills, licenses, notices, court papers, grade reports, and transcripts.</li> <li>The name and address on the government document must conform to the voter's name as it appears in the Poll List or in the Poll Book.</li> <li>The document must be current within 12 months of the Election Day for which the voter is presenting it for the purpose of voting or has on it an expiration date which has not passed as of the date of the election in which the voter seeks to vote.</li> </ul>