

Am I Eligible to Vote?

You are eligible to register to vote if:

- You are a U.S Citizen
- You are a resident of a Texas County
- You are at least 17 years and 10 months old
- You are not a convicted felon, or, if convicted, you were pardoned, or your sentence was fully discharged, including any term of incarceration, parole, supervision, or probation
- You were not declared by a court to be totally or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote

Am I Registered to vote?

To verify if you are already registered to vote visit the Texas Secretary of State's website: Am I Registered? <https://teamrvmvp.sos.texas.gov/MVP/mvp.do>

This website, along with www.VoteTexas.gov allows you to find out the following:

- Voter Registration Status
- Poll Location
- Early Voting Location
- Registration Information
- Key Election Dates

Note: You must register to vote at least 30 days before the election date.

Why Should I Vote?

Voting is one of our basic civic duties. It is an important exercise of our rights that should not be taken for granted. Voting provides American citizens the opportunity to voice their opinions on important issues and officials that affect their lives and the lives of their fellow Americans.

Voting is one of the only ways to make your voice heard in a meaningful way. Remember: Bad politicians are elected by good people who don't vote.

Deciding Whom to Vote For

Go to these websites to read about candidates and issues:

- **League of Women Voters**
lwvaustin.org/voter-guide/
 - **Houston Chronicle**
projects.houstonchronicle.com/2018/elections/voters-guide/
 - **Vote411: vote411.org**
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The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

Amendment 15(1)

The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.

Amendment 19(1)



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Early Voting
October 22nd - November 2nd
Election Day: November 6th
Polls Open: 7 AM to 7 PM

What Is CAIR?

CAIR is America's largest Muslim civil liberties and advocacy organization. Its mission is to enhance the understanding of Islam, encourage dialogue, protect civil liberties, empower American Muslims, and build coalitions that promote justice and mutual understanding.

La misión de CAIR es mejorar la comprensión del Islam, fomentar el diálogo, proteger las libertades civiles, capacitar a los musulmanes estadounidenses, y construir coaliciones que promuevan la justicia y la comprensión mutua.

How Do I Register to Vote?

- In person at the voter registration office in your county
- Fill out an application that can be mailed (or faxed with follow-up by mail) or returned in person to the voter registrar in your county of residence.
- Application forms are available at libraries, government offices and high schools.
- The application is also available online at www.VoteTexas.gov. You are not registered by online application until you have filled it out, printed it, and mailed it to your local County Voter Registrar. After you apply, a voter registration certificate will be mailed to you within 30 days. This certificate includes your precinct for voting on Election Day as well as your congressional, state legislative, county, and local districts. If you have voters in your household that are attending college out of the area/out of state, please have them request a "Ballot by Mail" and make sure they mail the completed ballot.



** This Voters Guide is intended for the sole purpose of educating the community. The goal is to encourage informed and active engagement in government. CAIR-Houston is a non-partisan organization and does not support or oppose any political party or candidate. **

What Do I Need to Bring on Election Day?

The following forms of identification are acceptable under Texas Law:

- 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 license to carry a handgun issued by DPS
- United States military identification card containing the person's photograph
- United States citizenship certificate containing the person's photograph
- United States passport

Additional Resources

Secretary of State: www.sos.state.tx.us

Republican Party: www.texasgop.org

Democratic Party: www.txdemocrats.org

Libertarian Party: www.lptexas.org

Green Party: www.txgreens.org

www.VOTE411.org

www.VoteTexas.gov

League of Women Voters (Texas)

www.lwvtexas.org

League of Women Voters: www.lwv.org

Harris County: Harrisvotes.com

Galveston County:

<http://www.galvestonvotes.org/>

Brazoria County:

<https://www.brazoriacountyclerk.net/record/content/Elections/HomePage.htm>

Fort Bend County:

<https://www.fortbendcountytexas.gov/government/departments/county-services/elections-voter-registration>

Where Do I Vote?

During Early Voting, you can vote at ANY polling location within the county you are registered to vote.

On Election day, you must vote at the voting precinct assigned to you unless your area is participating in countywide vote centers. Your residence is in a specific "precinct" or area within the county where you will vote on Election Day. In some cases, precincts may be combined to accommodate joint local elections.

What Happens When You Go to Vote?

1) When you arrive at the polling place, you will be asked for one of seven acceptable forms of Photo Identification (See: What Do I Need to Bring on Election Day?)

2) Depending on the type of election, Texas voters are provided one of the following:

- a. A paper ballot which is counted by hand
- b. A paper ballot on which you select your choice by darkening an oval, completing an arrow or making a marking with the aid of a voting machine
- c. A paper with a numerical access code (or in some counties a ballot activator card). In the voting booth, enter the code or card and follow the on-screen instructions.

Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves and the only way they could do this is by not voting.

--Franklin D. Roosevelt, 32nd President of the United States