

# VOTING RIGHTS

# KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

The State Primary Registration Deadline is July 14, 2020. The State Primary is August 4, 2020.

The General Election Registration Deadline is October 13, 2020. Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

Polls in Kansas are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

## Can I vote in Kansas?

You can register and vote in Kansas if you meet all of the following qualifications:

- ✓ You are a United States citizen.
- ✓ You are a resident of the state of Kansas.
- ✓ You are at least 18 years of age.

## How do I register to vote in Kansas?

There has been a great deal of confusion about voter registration in Kansas. You can register in three ways. Regardless of the method, **you will be able to vote in all elections**. The three different ways are (pick one):

- ✓ Using the **federal voter registration form**: Register online at [www.ksvotes.org](http://www.ksvotes.org) or print and mail to the address listed on the form at [www.eac.gov/voters/national-mail-voter-registration-form](http://www.eac.gov/voters/national-mail-voter-registration-form). Citizens using the federal voter registration form do not need to submit a birth certificate, passport, or similar “proof of citizenship” document.
- ✓ At the **motor vehicle office**, while applying for a new driver’s license or renewing an existing driver’s license. Citizens registering at the motor vehicle office do not need to submit a birth certificate, passport, or similar “proof of citizenship” document.
- ✓ Using the **state voter registration form**, which can be filled out online at <https://sos.kansas.gov/elections/registration-voting> or in person at your local election authority. As of March 2020, citizens using the state form do not need to submit a birth certificate, passport, or similar “proof of citizenship” document in order to complete the registration process.

*Be aware that there is a federal court case pending that could change the current proof of citizenship requirements for one or all of the registration methods before the October 2020 deadline.*

## What is the voter registration deadline?

In order to vote in the November 3, 2020, general election, **you must submit your registration by October 13, 2020**.

## What if I've moved?

You must update your voter registration every time you move. You can do this online as outlined above in the “How do I register to vote in Kansas?” section or by contacting your local election authority.

## VOTING DURING COVID-19

To ensure that voting is accessible and safe for Kansan during COVID-19, we encourage voters to utilize advance mail ballots (voting by mail). Here are the most important things to know about voting by advanced mail ballot.

- All registered voters have a right to vote by mail.
- You must complete an application to vote by mail.
- You need to submit a new application for each election you’d like to vote by advance mail ballot. (Exception: You qualify for Permanent Advance Mail Ballot Status by having a permanent physical disability or illness or have been diagnosed as having a permanent illness.)
- Your application for an advance mail ballot must be received by your county election office no later than 7 days before the date of the election .
- You can receive your ballot at your residence, temporary residence, or a medical facility where you are an in-patient.
- You can receive your ballot up to 20 days before the election day and no later than 5 days before election day.
- Ballot must be postmarked on Election Day and received within three days of the Election or you can hand deliver it to any in-person polling location within the county you are registered before 7 pm. on Election Day.

Voting procedure may be impacted based on public health recommendations during COVID-19. This document is up-to-date as of April 27, 2020. Please visit [letpeoplevotekansas.org](http://letpeoplevotekansas.org) for the most updated information.

## How do I know that I am registered?

You should receive a notice in the mail confirming your registration. You may check online at [ksvotes.org](http://ksvotes.org) or contact your local election authority to confirm your registration.

## Can I vote before Election Day?

Yes! Any registered voter can vote in advance of the election. You have two options:

- ✔ Request an absentee ballot and vote in advance by mail (see further details in “Voting During COVID-19” section).
- ✔ Many counties in Kansas offer advance, in-person voting. Counties may offer in-person voting up to 20 days prior to the November 3, 2020 election. Check with your local election office to find out whether advance, in-person voting is offered in your community and, if it is, what days and hours it is available.

## Do I need to show photo identification in order to vote?

Yes. When voting in person, you must show government-issued photo identification. Acceptable forms of documentation include:

- ✔ A driver’s license or identification card issued by Kansas, another state, or an Indian tribe.
- ✔ A concealed carry of handgun or weapon license issued by Kansas or by another state.
- ✔ A United States passport.
- ✔ An employee badge or ID document issued by a city, county, state, or federal government office.
- ✔ A military identification document issued by the United States.
- ✔ A student identification card issued by an accredited postsecondary institution of education in Kansas.
- ✔ A public assistance identification card issued by a city, county, state, or federal government office.

## Where do I vote?

You must vote at the polling place to which you’re assigned. Your assigned polling place will be listed on the voter registration acknowledgment card that you receive in the mail. You may also contact your local election authority to find out where to vote. You may also look up your polling place at [www.ksvotes.org](http://www.ksvotes.org).

*Although Kansas passed a law in the 2019 legislative session permitting a voter to cast a ballot at any polling location in the county, **the law will not be in effect during the 2020 elections, and voters must cast their ballots at their assigned polling location.***

## What if I have problems at the polls?

If you are not on the voter list, first ask a poll worker to check the list again and to confirm that you are at the right polling place for your address. If you are at the right polling place, but your name is not on the voter list, ask for a provisional ballot. If you are at the wrong polling place, ask for help finding the right one.

If someone tries to harass or intimidate you, tell a poll worker right away.

If you’re unable to resolve the problem by speaking with a poll worker, **call the Election Protection hotline at 1-866-OUR-VOTE.**

## Can I still vote if I have been convicted of a crime?

**Yes.** If you were convicted of a misdemeanor, **you can vote.** If you were convicted of a felony, you can vote once you complete your sentence, including any probation or parole. You will have to re-register to vote once your sentence is complete, per K.S.A. 22-3722.

**To learn more about voting rights in Kansas,  
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