



WHAT'S NEW IN NEVADA ELECTIONS

Deadlines, Mail/Absentee Ballots, Registration, and Voting

DEADLINE CHANGES (effective January 1, 2020)

- **STANDARD CLOSE OF REGISTRATION:** The standard close of registration for mailing-in your application or registering in-person at the Election Department, as well as for updating existing registration by mail or in-person, has changed to the **4th Tuesday before Election Day**. The requirement for extended office hours has been eliminated. The dates in 2020 will be:
 - **May 12** for the Primary Election on June 9
 - **October 6** for the General Election on November 3
- **ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY, AFTER THE STANDARD CLOSE OF REGISTRATION:** Online registration and updates to existing registration after the standard close of registration (see above) has changed to the **4th Wednesday before Election Day and will extend to the last Thursday of Early Voting**. You may only do this on the Nevada Secretary of State's website at www.registertovotenv.gov. New registrants may not vote by mail/absentee ballot. When new registrants check-in to vote, they will be required to show a current and valid Nevada Driver's License or State Identification Card with their current residential address, as entered in their online registration. If you register online on or after the 20th day before an election, the Election Department is not legally required to send you a sample ballot for the current election. The dates in 2020 for online registration after the standard close of registration will be:
 - **May 13-June 4** for the June 9 Primary Election (*no sample ballot after May 20*)
 - **October 7-29** for the November 3 General Election (*no sample ballot after Oct. 14*)
- **MAIL/ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE:** The deadline to request a mail/absentee ballot, **IN WRITING**, for the current election has changed to **5pm on the 14th day before Election Day**. Previously, the deadline was the seventh day before Election Day. If you registered online after the standard close of registration (see above), you may not vote by mail/absentee ballot. The deadlines in 2020 for submitting requests will be:
 - **May 26** for the Primary Election on June 9
 - **October 20** for the General Election on November 3

DEADLINE CHANGES *(continued)*

- **DEADLINE FOR THE ELECTION DEPARTMENT TO RECEIVE VOTED MAIL/ABSENTEE BALLOTS:** Voted mail/absentee mail ballots must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received by the Election Department on or before the seventh day after Election Day. Previously, the Election Department had to receive voted mail ballots in its office by 7pm on Election Day.

References: AB345 of the 2019 Legislative Session

PERMANENT MAIL/ABSENTEE BALLOTS *(effective January 1, 2020)*

Voters may now make a one-time request to receive a mail/absentee ballot for all future elections. After submittal of this request, a voter will no longer need to submit a mail/absentee ballot request on an annual basis, as is now required. This request will remain in effect as long as the voter keeps his address current with the Election Department or until his voter registration is cancelled.

References: AB345 of the 2019 Legislative Session

PERSONS RELEASED FROM PRISON HAVE THE RIGHT TO IMMEDIATELY REGISTER AND VOTE *(effective July 1, 2019)*

Persons with felony convictions in Nevada or in any other state who are currently not in prison are now allowed to immediately register to vote. This also applies to persons whose voter registration had been previously cancelled because of a felony conviction and to persons who are currently on probation or parole. No special procedures or paperwork are required. Such persons need only follow the standard procedures for voter registration and must also satisfy the standard voter registration eligibility requirements.

References: AB431 of the 2019 Legislative Session

AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION (AVR) AT THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES (DMV) *(effective January 1, 2020)*

Eligible persons will be automatically registered to vote when they apply for a new DMV driver's license or State Identification Card, or when they change their address or renew an existing license or card. If you are already registered to vote, the system will automatically update your existing Nevada voter registration information. Indicating a political party affiliation is voluntary for new registrants, but if you do not, your party affiliation will default to nonpartisan. You may opt out of registering to vote only by declining in writing. You will receive a form for you to opt out of registering or to indicate a party affiliation if you opt in. You must immediately drop the form in the specified secured container at the DMV. If you do not, then you will be automatically registered to vote and your party affiliation will default to nonpartisan.

References: State Question Number 5 of 2018 and AB345 of the 2019 Legislative Session

IN-PERSON, SAME-DAY REGISTRATION (SDR) AT ALL EARLY VOTING SITES AND ELECTION DAY VOTE CENTERS (effective January 1, 2020)

You may now register in-person and vote on the same day at any early voting site or Election Day Vote Center. Requirements and conditions apply:

- You must show a current and valid Nevada driver's license or State Identification Card with your current address where you actually live.
 - If the address is not current and/or is not where you actually live, you must additionally provide proof of your current residence, which may include one of the following:
 - A military identification card; or
 - A utility bill, including electric, gas, oil, water, sewer, septic, telephone, cellular telephone, or cable television; or
 - A bank or credit union statement; or
 - A paycheck; or
 - An income tax return; or
 - A mortgage statement, or residential rental or lease agreement; or
 - A motor vehicle registration; or
 - A property tax statement; or
 - Any other document issued by a governmental agency.
- You must immediately vote at the site where you completed your SDR.
- You will vote a provisional ballot containing all offices, candidates, and questions that would be on a regular ballot.
- Your provisional ballot will be counted only after verification to determine: (a) Whether you were qualified to register to vote and to cast the ballot in the election; and (b) That you did not vote multiple ballots in the same election. This process will also include confirmation that acceptable additional proof of residency was provided by persons who needed to provide such.

References: AB345 of the 2019 Legislative Session

IMMEDIATE IN-PERSON UPDATES OF EXISTING REGISTRATION AT ALL EARLY VOTING SITES AND ELECTION DAY VOTE CENTERS (effective January 1, 2020)

You may now immediately update your existing registration, including name, party, and address changes, and then vote a ballot for your new precinct and/or party, as applicable. For both early voting and Election Day, you will vote a provisional ballot that will have all offices, candidates, and questions that would be on a regular ballot, and it will be counted only after successful final verification of your updated registration.

References: AB345 of the 2019 Legislative Session

ONLINE REGISTRATION AFTER THE STANDARD CLOSE OF REGISTRATION, FROM THE 4TH WEDNESDAY BEFORE ELECTION DAY TO THE LAST THURSDAY OF EARLY VOTING (effective January 1, 2020)

You may now register online after the standard close of in-person and mail-in registration, from the 4th Wednesday before Election Day, until the last Thursday of early voting and vote in the current election at any early voting site or Election Day Vote Center. Requirements and conditions apply:

- You may not vote by mail/absentee ballot, only in-person.
- You will not be sent a sample ballot if you register online 20 days or less before Election Day.
- When you check-in to vote, you must show a current and valid Nevada driver's license or State Identification Card with your current address where you actually live that matches the address you entered for your online registration.
 - If the address does not match the one in the online registration, is not current, and/or is not where you actually live, you must additionally provide proof of your current residence, which may include one of the following:
 - A military identification card; or
 - A utility bill, including, electric, gas, oil, water, sewer, septic, telephone, cellular telephone, or cable television; or
 - A bank or credit union statement; or
 - A paycheck; or
 - An income tax return; or
 - A mortgage statement, or residential rental or lease agreement; or
 - A motor vehicle registration; or
 - A property tax statement; or
 - Any other document issued by a governmental agency.
 - You will vote a provisional ballot containing all offices, candidates, and questions that would be on a regular ballot.
 - Your provisional ballot will be counted only after verification to determine: (a) Whether you were qualified to register to vote and to cast the ballot in the election; and (b) That you did not vote multiple ballots in the same election. This process will also include confirmation that you provided acceptable additional proof of residency.
- You must immediately vote at the site where your online registration is checked and confirmed, not at any other site.
- You will vote a regular ballot.

References: AB345 of the 2019 Legislative Session

IMMEDIATE ONLINE UPDATES OF EXISTING REGISTRATION AFTER THE STANDARD CLOSE OF REGISTRATION (effective January 1, 2020)

You may now immediately update your existing registration, including name, party, and address changes, after the standard close of in-person and mail-in registration, starting the 4th Wednesday before Election Day, and then vote a regular ballot in the current election for your new precinct and/or party, as applicable, at any early voting site or Election Day Vote Center.

References: AB345 of the 2019 Legislative Session

ALL PROVISIONAL BALLOTS WILL BE FULL BALLOTS AND IT WILL BE EASY FOR VOTERS TO CHECK IF THEIR PROVISIONAL BALLOT WAS COUNTED (effective January 1, 2020)

All provisional ballots will be full ballots, whether they are for the purposes of same-day registration, Election Day updates, or the Help America Vote Act (HAVA). This means they will contain all offices, candidates, and questions that would be on a regular ballot for the voter's precinct. After an election, the Secretary of State will establish a system, such as a website or toll-free phone number, to inform voters of whether their provisional ballot was counted, and if it was not counted, why.

References: AB345 of the 2019 Legislative Session

A VOTER REGISTRATION CARD IS NOT REQUIRED FOR VOTING (effective January 1, 2020)

The law now expressly states that a Voter Registration Card is not a prerequisite for voting. This has never been a requirement, but is now explicitly indicated in the statutes.

References: AB345 of the 2019 Legislative Session



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