



# Voting in Massachusetts

To vote in the Nov. 2024 election in MA, if you are not already registered to vote, you must be registered by Oct. 26th

*Residents of other states - visit <https://www.nass.org/can-i-vote>*

## Am I eligible to vote?

- You must be a U.S. citizen and at least 18 years old to vote.
- In Massachusetts, a person who has been convicted of a felony is eligible to vote after they have been released from prison.

## Am I registered to vote?

- In order to vote in an election, you must be registered to vote.
- To check your Massachusetts voter registration status, visit [www.sec.state.ma.us/voterregistrationsearch](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/voterregistrationsearch).

## I didn't find my voter registration info on that website - How do I register to vote?

- To register to vote in Massachusetts, visit [www.sec.state.ma.us/ovr](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ovr), and click the button "Register or Pre-Register to Vote."

## What if I don't want my address listed in my voter registration record, due to safety concerns?

- Survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking may participate in the Massachusetts Address Confidentiality Program - visit [www.sec.state.ma.us/divisions/acp/address-confidentiality-program.htm](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/divisions/acp/address-confidentiality-program.htm) for details.
- Consider voting by mail - see "Can I vote by mail?," below.
- For more safe voting tips for survivors, visit [nnev.org/latest\\_update/safe-voting-tips-for-survivors](http://nnev.org/latest_update/safe-voting-tips-for-survivors).

## **Can I vote by mail?**

- In Massachusetts, anyone who is registered to vote may vote by mail.
- To request a mail-in ballot, visit [www.sec.state.ma.us/divisions/elections/voting-information/vote-by-mail.htm](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/divisions/elections/voting-information/vote-by-mail.htm), and click the button “Apply Online.”

## **I prefer to vote in person. Where is my polling place?**

- To find your polling place, visit [www.sec.state.ma.us/WhereDoIVoteMA](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/WhereDoIVoteMA).

## **What if I’ve moved?**

- Whenever you move to a new address in Massachusetts, update your voter registration information with your new address - visit [www.sec.state.ma.us/ovr](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ovr), and click the button “Update Address and/or Party.”
- For state-wide elections, you can vote at the polling place where you lived as of January 1st of that year; you should still update your voter registration information with your new address whenever you move.

## **My voter registration record says “Inactive” - Now what?**

- If your voter registration record says “Inactive,” you can still vote, but it’s a good idea to fill out a new voter registration record at [www.sec.state.ma.us/ovr](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ovr).
- Voters listed as “Inactive” will be asked for ID when they vote; if they miss two federal elections in a row (elections in November of even-numbered years), they will be removed from the list of registered voters, and will not be able to vote until after they register to vote again.
- Note: If you don’t respond to your city/town’s “Annual Street List” mailing, you will be put on the inactive voter list - even if you vote in every election.