How Do I Register to Vote?

To be eligible to vote you must be:
18 years of age or older; a U.S. citizen; and a resident of Kansas. If convicted of a felony, you must have had your civil rights restored.

There is no length of residency requirement but you must be registered 21 days before the election and must be a resident at the time of registration.

If you are 17 years old but will be 18 before the next election you may register to vote.
To register you must complete a Voter Registration Application, which can be found at your county election office, the Secretary of State’s office, or at (http://bit.ly/2a6amtX) Registration Applications are also available at other places including many banks, grocery stores, libraries, public events such as county fairs, and city offices.

Once the voter registration form has been completed and signed, you may return it in person, by mail, by fax, or by email to your county election officer. Your county election office will mail you a certificate after processing your application which shows the location of your voting place. You can also go to www.voteks.org and click on the link for voter registration status, polling place, and ballot information.

If you are registering for the first time in Kansas you must submit a document proving you are a U.S. citizen.

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Such documents include birth certificates, passports, naturalization documents, and military records. A complete list of the 13 valid citizenship documents can be found at http://bit.ly/29SAbMb.

You may use the Kansas registration form or the federal registration form. If you use the federal form and do not provide a proof of citizenship document, you will be registered to vote only for federal and not state and local elections.

Register by October 18, 2016 to vote in the General Election on November 8, 2016.

Problem at the polls? Call 866-OUR-VOTE or visit 866OURVOTE.org
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» When casting a vote in person you must show photographic identification. Acceptable forms of photo ID include: a driver’s license or non-driver’s ID card, a concealed carry handgun license, a U.S. passport, a government employee ID, a military ID, a student ID, a public assistance ID, or an Indian tribe ID. See: www.gotVoterID.com

» Polling places open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. However, a county may open the polls earlier and close them later. All voters who are in line at 7:00 p.m. are allowed to vote.

» You may also vote in advance by mail or in person before Election Day. You may vote in person in the county election office starting the Tuesday before Election Day, or up to 20 days before the election, depending on the county. You can complete an Application for Advance Ballot by Mail, return it to your county election officer, and have a ballot mailed to you starting 20 days before the election. You must give your current Kansas driver’s license number or non-driver’s ID card number. If you do not have those numbers you must provide a copy of one of the following: a driver’s license or non-driver’s ID card, a concealed carry handgun license, a U.S. passport, a government employee ID, a military ID, a student ID, a public assistance ID, or an Indian tribe ID. All ballots must be received in the county election office by the close of polls on Election Day.

» Voters are entitled to assistance in voting by reason of illness, disability, or age.

» If there is any question about your eligibility to vote you may cast a provisional ballot. But before receiving a ballot you must complete a new voter registration application form, which will be attached to the ballot.

Find Your Polling Place

» The Secretary of State offers a polling place lookup at http://bit.ly/1q00O3r.

Tips for Avoiding Problems

» Check your voter registration status and polling place at http://bit.ly/1q00O3r as early as possible.

» Vote before Election Day, using early in-person or mail-in voting.

» If you vote on Election Day, the polls will be busiest before and after work hours.

» Bring some form of identification if you have it, even if it’s not required for most people.

» Ask for help if you need it.

» Take your time—it’s your vote!

Language Assistance

» You have the right to have anyone assist you in casting your vote if you cannot read or write or have difficulty reading, writing or understanding English, except for your employer or labor union or any officer or agent of your employer or union representative.

» These four counties are required to provide oral and written Spanish language assistance: Finney County, Ford County, Grant County, and Seward County.