How Do I Register to Vote?

» Register by asking your county clerk for a voter registration form, printing one out at (http://bit.ly/29Lyb8X) or filling out a registration form at the polling place on Election Day. To register to vote you must be: 18 years old, a United States citizen, and have resided in Montana in the last 30 days. You may not vote if a court has declared you to be of unsound mind or if you are serving in a penal institution for a felony.

» You can register to vote in person by completing a Montana Voter Registration Application at, or delivering it to: your county elections office, or a Montana MVD office when you apply for a new driver’s license or ID card, or renew your driver’s license or ID card. You must provide ONE of the following for identification: a Montana driver’s license or ID number; the last four digits of your Social Security number; a copy of an ID with your photograph and name; or a copy of a document that shows your name and address, such as a current bank statement, a utility bill, or a paycheck stub.

» You can register by mail by completing the Montana Voter Registration Application and including one of the identifications noted above.

Where Do I Vote?

» Your polling place will be printed on the voter registration notice that you will receive from your election administrator when you register. You can also call your election administrator for polling place information. You can find the phone number in the government pages of your phone book or online.

» You can look up your polling place and registration at https://app.mt.gov/voterinfo/.

Tips for Avoiding Problems

» Check your voter registration status and polling place at https://app.mt.gov/voterinfo/ 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!

Register by October 7, 2016 to vote in the General Election on November 8, 2016.

How Do I Vote?

» You must present a form of identification. Accepted forms of identification include: (1) a driver’s license; (2) a school photo ID; (3) a tribal photo identification; and (4) a utility bill, paycheck, bank statement, notice of confirmation of registration, government check, or other government document with your name and address.

» If a poll worker tells you that you can’t vote because you don’t have proper identification, ask for a provisional ballot. You have the right to vote on a provisional ballot even if you don’t have identification, but in order for your vote to be counted you must do one of the following by 5:00 p.m. on November 9, 2016: (1) bring proper identification to the office of the election administrator; (2) fax a copy or email a scanned copy of your proper identification; or (3) mail a copy of your proper identification making sure that the postmark confirms the date.

» If a poll worker tells you that you are not on the list of registered voters, first ask him or her to check the list again and to confirm that you are at the right polling place. If that fails, ask for a provisional ballot. You have the right to cast a provisional ballot even if your name is not on the voter list.

» If anyone challenges your eligibility to vote even though you are on the list of registered voters, you have the right to cast a provisional ballot.

» If you need help in the voting booth because of a physical disability or because you can’t read the ballot, or are unable to write, tell a poll worker. You have the right to have anyone you choose help you in the voting booth, including two poll workers from different parties, except your employer, an agent of your employer, or an officer or agent of your union.

» If you make a mistake on your ballot, ask for a new ballot immediately. You have the right to a replacement ballot.

» Polling places will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., unless your precinct has fewer than 400 voters. If your precinct has fewer than 400 voters, polling places are open from noon until 8:00 p.m., and will close earlier if all registered voters have voted.

» You have the right to vote if you are in line or inside your polling place when the polls close.

» You also have the right to vote by absentee ballot for any reason. Contact your county election administrator as soon as possible for application and deadline information.

Language Assistance

» You can have anyone assist you in casting your vote including a translator, except a candidate running for office, your employer, your labor union, or any officer or agent of your employer or labor union.

» The person you choose to assist you may go into the voting booth with you to help you in casting your ballot.