



Texas Organizing Project

TOP Information Sheet – Voting and Elections

Voter Registration Information

The deadline to register to vote is October 6, 2014

To vote in Texas, you must be registered. Simply pick up a voter registration application, fill it out, and mail it at least 30 days before the election date. Get your application on the web at: <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/reqvr.shtml>

You are eligible to register to vote if:

- You are a United States citizen;
- You are a resident of the county where you submit the application;
- You are at least 18 years old on Election Day;
- You are an formerly convicted felon who has completed your sentence, probation, and parole – with a few exceptions; and
- You have not been declared by a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be either totally mentally incapacitated or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote.

Where to Get an Application

You can register in person at your county [Voter Registrar's office](#). Or you can register by mail by obtaining an application from your county [Voter Registrar's office](#) or the [Secretary of State's office](#). You can also pick up applications at libraries, government offices, or high schools.

Filling out the Application

You must be at least 17 years and 10 months of age on the date you apply. All voters who register to vote in Texas must provide a Texas driver's license number or personal identification number issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety. If you don't have such a number, simply provide the last four digits of your social security number. If you don't have a social security number, you need to state that fact.

Did You Change Something?

If you have changed your name or your address it is best to register again so you can be sure to be able to vote. Make sure that the name on your official ID matches the name on your voter registration card.