

VOTING IS YOUR RIGHT AND RESPONSIBILITY

REGISTRATION QUALIFICATIONS

You must be registered in order to vote.

To register, you must:

- Be 18 years of age on or before the General Election, November 4, 2008.
- Be a resident of Maryland.
- Be a citizen of the United States.
- Not be under guardianship for mental disability.
- Not have been convicted of a felony, or, if so, have completed serving a court ordered sentence of imprisonment, including any term of parole or probation.

HOW TO REGISTER

Any qualified citizen can register up to 21 days before an election (deadline dates on back). To obtain a voter registration form:

- Call the Board of Elections at **240-777-VOTE (8683)** to request an application.
- Use the Board of Elections website to download a blank form in either English or Spanish at **www.777vote.org**.
- Request in person from the Board of Elections, county libraries, the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) and county offices, such as the Depts. of Health or Social Services. Some U.S. post offices have applications available.

Return your voter registration application to the Montgomery County Board of Elections in person:

751 Twinbrook Parkway, Rockville or
by mail:

PO Box 4333, Rockville, MD 20849-4333.
Do not fax the application.

ARE YOU REGISTERED?

You must receive a voter information card with your name, party affiliation, polling place and election districts to confirm your registration. If you have not received your card within three weeks from the time you registered, call the Board of Elections at **240-777-8500**.

Use **http://mdelections.umbc.edu/index.php** or call the Board if you are uncertain about your voter registration status. If you have moved, changed your name or if you want to change your party affiliation, you must notify the Board of Elections.

REGISTERING WITH A PARTY

In Maryland, you must be a registered member of the Republican or Democratic party to participate in that party's Primary Election. Party registration changes must be received at least 12 weeks before a primary election. However, all registered voters may vote in the General Election, regardless of party affiliation.

HAVING A PROBLEM AT THE POLLS?

If you think you are registered but are not on the precinct list, speak to a chief judge and ask for a provisional ballot. Language assistance is available at all polls in Spanish as required by Section 203. Printed voting unit instructions are also available in Mandarin Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese.

The League of Women Voters Citizen Education Fund publishes *Voters' Guides* before every Primary and General Election. These non-partisan references contain unedited candidate statements. They are available at **www.lwvmd.org/mont**, as inserts in *The Beacon*, in libraries, county service centers, various retail outlets and the League office. Call **301-984-9585** to request a copy or find a nearby distribution site.

VOTING

- Check your voter information card for your election districts and polling place location. Polls are open between 7:00 am and 8:00 pm, but are less crowded during mid-morning and mid-afternoon hours.
- Learn about the issues, candidates and their positions from newspapers, radio, TV and the League's *Voters' Guide*.
- Be prepared to vote. Mark your sample ballot before arriving at the polls. Voting units may cancel your ballot if you pause between screen touches for longer than a couple minutes.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Any registered voter may apply for an absentee ballot if you cannot vote at your polling place on Election Day. You may obtain an application for an absentee ballot from the Board of Elections (**240-777-8500**) or from **www.777vote.org**. Return the application to the Board of Elections by mail, by FAX (**240-777-8560**) or in person by the deadline date (see back). An absentee ballot will be sent to your designated address.

Within seven days of the election or on Election Day, you or a designated agent may apply for an emergency absentee ballot in person at the Board of Elections. The ballot must be postmarked on or before Election Day, or returned to the Board in person before 8:00 pm on Election Day. Do not fax the ballot back.

WORKING AT THE ELECTION POLLS

Registered voters are needed to work as election judges for the General Election, especially those with foreign language skills. For more information, contact the Board at **240-777-8570** if registered as a Democrat or **240-777-8575** if Republican, another party or unaffiliated.

IMPORTANT DATES

2008

Registration reopens after
Special County Council District 4 elections
Monday, May 26
(New Date)

Deadline for General Election registration
Tuesday, October 14

Deadline for receipt of absentee ballot
applications for General Election
Tuesday, October 28

General Election - Tuesday, November 4
Also, deadline for mailing or returning
absentee ballots

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ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

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Political Parties

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Republican Party 301-417-9256
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Green Party
www.mdgreens.org/montgomery
montgomerygreens@gmail.com

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YOUR VOICE, YOUR VOTE!



Voting in Montgomery County, Maryland



General Election Tuesday, Nov. 4 2008
