

PA Voter 101

President Truman: **“A vote is the best way of getting the kind of country and the kind of world you want.”**

Declaration of Sentiments: **“We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men and women are created equal.”**

Abolitionist Wendell Phillips: **“A man with a ballot in his hand is the master of the situation. He defines all his other rights. What is not already given him, he takes...The Ballot is opportunity, education, fair play, right to office, and elbow-room.”**

A Simple Step-by-Step Guide for Voters in PA

We are so excited because it is almost election day! On November 3, 2020, Election Day, we take to the polls, drop off our ballots or check our mail-in status and enjoy this great day for our Democracy. The League of Women Voters (LWV) is here to help for whatever type of voter you are, and trust me; you are a Voter! From the first-timer to the die-hard I Voted Sticker collector and anywhere in between, we are your Election Hub to get you registered and voting in PA.

The Pennsylvania state site for voting is [Votespa.com](https://votespa.com). It can help you register, check your registration, apply for a mail-in ballot, or check your polling place.

Step 1: Am I registered to vote?

If you are not, no problem. Go [here](#) to register to vote in PA. There are four easy ways to register. **You can register:**

- [online](#)
- [by mail](#)
- [in person at your county voter registration office](#) • [at PennDOT and some other government agencies.](#)

Not sure if you are registered to vote? Don't worry, we have all been there. Check out this [link](#) to check your status and get confident about your voting day plan.

Step 2: You have voting choices! So, ask yourself...how do I want to vote?

This year you have multiple options to choose the best way for you to vote. Regardless of your preference, all options are safe, easy, and FUN! Here are a few options and links to get you going.

You can...

Option 1: Vote in Person. You can cast your vote at a polling site. Find out where your polling place is [here](#).

Option 2: You can request a [mail-in ballot](#). **Mail-in ballots** are for ANY qualified voter. You may simply request this ballot without a reason. The mail-in ballot can be return by mail or dropped off. However, your request for a mail-in ballot must be received by your county elections office no later than October 27, 2020. Find out more [here](#).

Option 3: You can request an [absentee ballot](#). **An absentee ballot** is a good option if you plan to be out of the municipality on election day or if you have a disability or illness. This ballot type, still requires you to list a reason for your ballot.

Step 3: When do I vote?

Okay, I can tell you are getting excited! We are too. Here are a few dates that may make life a little easier, and you can book into your calendar. The next general election is on November 3, 2020.

- Polls are open on election day from 7 A.M. to 8 P.M.
- Last day to [register to vote](#): October 19, 2020

[Learn about general elections.](#)

Step 4: How do I pick the right person?

We are so glad you asked. The general rule for picking the right person is that it is up to YOU! Your voice, your vote. We want folks to vote, and we want to help you pick the right person for you. We have a FREE online tool to help. It is called Vote411. VOTE411.org is a "one-stop-shop" for election-related information. It provides nonpartisan information for you on both the general and state-specific elections. At Vote411.org, you can see what will be on your ballot based on your address, choose candidates based on information they posted in their own words, and have a personalized ballot emailed to you that you can take with you when you vote to make the process faster and easier. Get ready to get informed! [Vote411.org](#)

*Democracy is not a spectator sport, so remember it needs **YOU** to be informed and to **VOTE!***

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