Things You Need to Know on Election Day

Your Ballot, Your Vote

Don't panic if you registered to vote but your name is not on the list. Get help from an election official to make sure your vote is counted. You may be directed to another polling place or given a provisional ballot.

Identification—Bring ID With You

You will be asked to show identification. Bring your Iowa Driver's License, Iowa Non-operator ID, U.S. Passport, U.S. Military or Veterans ID, Iowa Voter Identification Card or Tribal ID Card/Document.

Writing on the Wall

Look at the signs at the polling place for directions on how to use the voting machines, a list of your voting rights and instructions for filing a complaint if your rights have been violated.

When in Doubt, Ask

Election officials are there to help you. They'll show you how to use the machines and give you a provisional ballot if you need one.

Election Day Registration

Iowa law allows you to register to vote on election day at the polling place for the precinct in which you currently live. To do so, you must prove identity and residency. The easiest way to do so is using your non-expired Iowa driver's license or non-operator ID card with your current address printed on it. Another registered voter of your precinct may also attest to your identity and residence.

Voting with Assistance

If you need help marking your ballot because of a disability or because you cannot read English, any person you choose may help you, except your employer, your employer's agent, an agent of your union, or an officer of your union. If you want help from the election officials, one person from each political party will help you. You will be asked to sign a form to show that you asked for assistance.

Deadlines for Registering to Vote

The voter registration deadline is 15 days before all elections.

Voter Registration Acknowledgment

You will receive an acknowledgment of your voter registration within 14 days. If you do not, call your county auditor. Be ready to tell the auditor when and where you completed the registration form and to whom you gave the voter registration form. If you do not have a current Iowa driver's license or non-operator ID, this acknowledgement will include an Iowa Voter Identification Card for voting purposes.

Voter Registration is Permanent

After you register to vote, you do not have to register again unless you move to a new address. However, your registration will be cancelled if you are convicted of a felony or judged to be incompetent to vote by a court.

Questions

For more information or if you have questions about voter registration, contact your county auditor or the Secretary of State's Office.

Elections Division.....515-281-0145
Toll Free.....1-888-SOS-VOTE
(1-888-767-8683}

Complaints

If you believe that someone has interfered with your right to:

- Register or to decline to register to vote
- Privacy in deciding whether to register
- Privacy in applying to register to vote
- Choose your own political party or other political preference

You may file a complaint with:

Voter Registration Commission
Lucas State Office Building
321 E 12th St
Des Moines, IA 50319

OR

1-888-SOS-VOTE

Iowa Voter Registration

Form and Instructions

Voting is Your Right

If you are not registered to vote where you live now, would you like to apply to register to vote here today?

☐ **YES, I want to register to vote.** (*Complete the voter registration form to the right.*)

☐ **NO, I do not want to register to vote.** (*Sign and date this part only.*)

If you do not check either box, you will be considered to have decided not to register to vote at this time.

Signature: _____

Print Your Name: _____

Date: ___/___/___

Voter Registration Information

You may apply to register to vote when you apply for assistance. This agency is required to offer you an opportunity to register to vote.
To register to vote in Iowa, you must:

- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be a resident of Iowa
- Be at least 17 years old
- Not have been convicted of a felony (or have had your rights restored by the Governor,
- including through Executive Order, after a felony conviction.)
- Not currently be judged by a court to be "incompetent to vote"
- Give up your right to vote in any other place

Assistance

If you would like assistance in filling out the voter registration form, we will help you. The decision whether to seek or accept help is yours. You may fill out the application form in private. You may take the registration form with you to fill out later and return it to this office or your county auditor.

Benefits

Applying to register or declining to register to vote will not affect the amount of assistance that you will be provided by this agency.

Privacy

If you register to vote, the name of the office where you turned in the registration form will be kept private. If you do not register to vote, this fact will also be kept private. The information provided on this form will be used only for voter registration purposes.

Use this form to apply to register to vote or to make changes to your current voter registration. Use a pen and print neatly.

Required Information

- ID number
- Date of birth
- Sex
- Name
- Address
- Signature

If you do not include the required information, your registration cannot be processed.

ID Number

Your Iowa driver's license or non-operator ID number is required if you have one. If you don't have one of these, put the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number. Iowa Code section 48A.11 requires the state to ask for these numbers on this form.

If your ID number cannot be verified, you will be required to show proof of identification and residence before voting.

Driver's license, non-operator ID, and Social Security Numbers are not printed on voter registration lists sold to candidates and others.

Read the form carefully before you sign it.

Mail the completed form to your county auditor.

STATE OF IOWA OFFICIAL VOTER REGISTRATION FORM

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Qualifications
1. Are you a citizen of the United States? ☐ Yes ☐ No
2. Will you be 18 years of age on or before Election Day? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answered NO to either of these questions, do not complete this form.

Provide your Iowa driver's license or non-operator ID number. If you do not have either, provide the last four of your SSN, or indicate if you have none of the above.

☐ **IA driver's license or non-operator ID#** __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __

☐ **Last 4 digits of your Social Security number: X X X - X X -** __ __ __ __

☐ **I do not have an IA driver's license, non-operator ID, or Social Security number.**

Date of Birth (month, day, year) __ __ / __ __ /__ __ __ __ **Sex** ☐ Male ☐ Female

Phone and/or email (optional) _____

Last name _____

First name _____

Middle _____ **Suffix** _____

Address Where You Live
Address _____ Apt/Unit _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ County _____
If homeless or you do not have an established residence, describe where you reside: _____

Where You Receive Mail (if different)
Address/P.O. Box _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Previous Voter Registration Information
Your name was _____
Your address was _____
Your city and state were _____ Your zip was _____

Political Affiliation (check only one)
Political Parties: ☐ Democratic ☐ Republican ☐ No Party
Non-Party Political Organizations: ☐ Green ☐ Libertarian

WARNING
If you sign this form and you know the information is not true, you may be convicted of perjury and fined up to $10,245 and/or jailed for up to 5 years.

Registrant Affidavit

I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that:
I am the person named above. I am a citizen of the United States. I have never been convicted of a felony OR my right to vote has been restored by the Governor, including through Executive Order, after a felony conviction. I am at least 17 years old, live at the address listed above. I am not currently judged by a court to be "incompetent to vote." I do not claim the right to vote anywhere else.

Oath

By submitting this form, I do solemnly swear and affirm that I am qualified to register to vote under the Constitution and laws of the State of Iowa, and that all information provided in my voter registration application is true. I have carefully reviewed the instructions for completing the Iowa voter registration application, and I further swear or affirm that I am a United States citizen. I understand that if I have provided false information on my voter registration application that I could be subject to criminal penalties for perjury and that I may be fined, imprisoned,
or, if not a United States citizen, deported from or refused entry into the United States.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

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