

# REGISTRATION

## Election Day Registration

As of **January 1, 2008**, Iowa law allows you to register to vote on Election Day at the polling place for the precinct you currently live in. After showing proper identification you may register and vote at the precinct the same day.

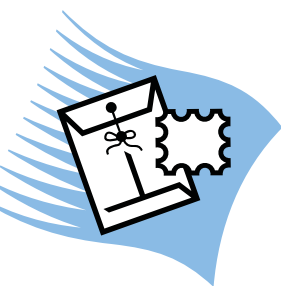
## Voter Registration Deadline

If you register to vote on Election Day, you will be required to show proof of residence and identity.

If you register before the voter registration deadline, you will not be required to show proof of residence and identity.

The voter registration deadline is 10 days before general and primary elections and 11 days before all other elections.

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- **Remember to**
- **affix postage if**
- **you register by**
- **mail.**
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# IDENTIFICATION

## Acceptable Forms of ID\*

If you register to vote at the polls on Election Day you will be required to show proof of residence and proof of identity. The best form of ID is a valid Iowa driver's license with current address.

If your Iowa driver's license has an old address on it, you can use the license as proof of identity and use one of the following as proof of residence if it contains your current address:

- Residential lease
- Property tax statement
- Utility bill
- Bank statement
- Paycheck
- Government check
- Other government document

If you do not have an Iowa driver's license, you can provide one of the following as proof of identity if it contains your photo:

- An out-of-state driver's license
- Non-driver identification card
- US passport
- US military ID
- ID card issued by employer
- Student ID issued by Iowa high school or college

*\* All forms of photo ID must be current, valid and contain an expiration date.*

# VOTING

## Another Voter Can Attest for You

If you do not have proof of residence and identity, a registered voter in the precinct may attest to the fact that you are who you say you are and that you live in the precinct you say you live in.

If you have a registered voter in the precinct attest to your residence and identity, you will both be required to sign an oath. Falsely attesting or being attested for is a class "D" felony.

## Provisional Ballot

If you do not have proof of residence or identity and do not have anyone who can attest to your residence and identity you will be allowed to vote a provisional ballot.

## Voting by Satellite or at Your Local County Auditor's Office

If you wish to vote at a satellite location or in the auditor's office after the voter registration deadline, you will follow the election day registration procedure. You will fill out a voter registration form, show your proof of residence and identity, and be given a ballot to vote.

# VOTER FRAUD

## Preventing Voter Fraud

Falsely registering to vote is election misconduct in the first degree, which is a class "D" felony and punishable by a fine of up to \$7500 and up to 5 years in prison. This includes attempting to falsely register to vote and registering to vote in more than one precinct.

Requiring proof of residence and identity makes it hard for someone to be able to register to vote and vote in more than one precinct on Election Day.

After the election, all voters who registered to vote through election day registration will be sent a notice by mail. If this notice is returned as undeliverable, a forwardable notice will be mailed to the voter. If the county auditor does not receive a response to that notice within 14 days, the auditor will notify the county attorney and secretary of state for investigation and possible prosecution.

# EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE!

## PHONE NUMBERS

### Iowa Secretary of State

Election Division.....515-281-0145  
Voter Registration.....515-281-8849  
Toll Free.....888-SOS-VOTE  
(888-767-8683)

## INTERNET AND E-MAIL

### Iowa Secretary of State

E-mail.....sos@sos.state.ia.us  
Website.....www.sos.state.ia.us

### Federal Voting Assistance Program *(for Military and Overseas Citizen Voters)*

Website.....www.fvap.gov

## SECRETARY OF STATE

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