

## Voting in Wisconsin

### Everything you need to know to vote in the August 14th Primary



Next Tuesday, August 14th, voters will pare down the field of partisan candidates for Governor, for the U.S. Senate and Congress, and for many other state and local offices. Make sure you have a voice in determining who will be on the ballot in November.

Before you cast your ballot, remember: **you can only vote for candidates in a single political party in the primary.** No "mixing" candidates of different political parties for your voting selections. If you do, your ballot will be invalidated.

To preview your Primary Election ballot, visit the Wisconsin Elections Commission's ["What's on My Ballot" page](#) and type in your address.

**Early, absentee voting is still available!**

If there is even the slightest chance you won't make it to the polls next Tuesday, don't wait – see our [guide to voting with an early, absentee ballot – in person or by mail, and then VOTE.](#)

The process for casting a ballot early varies across the state, so be sure to contact [your local municipal clerk's office](#) to see what days and hours you can vote early.

**The deadline for voters to request a mailed absentee ballot is this Thursday, August 9th.** All absentee ballots **must be returned to the municipal clerk's office by 8 p.m. on Tuesday, August 14th.** The last day for in-person absentee voting is this Saturday, August 11th, but many cities end early voting on Friday, August 10th.

**To confirm that you're registered to vote at your current address:**

Visit the ["My Voter Info" page at MyVoteWI.gov](#), and enter your name and date of birth to check your voter registration status. You need to have lived at your current address for at least 10 days prior to Election Day in order to register to vote in that election district or ward.



If you're not already registered, you can still register to vote – here's how:

**In your Municipal Clerk's Office.**

You can register in-person [in your municipal clerk's office](#) up until the 5pm (or close of business) on the Friday before the election in which you are planning to vote. For the August primary, that date is this **Friday, August 10th**. You'll need to bring a proof of residence document to complete your registration (this document can be shown electronically).

**At the Polls on Election Day.** If

you're unable to register before the election, you can still register at your polling place on Election Day. You will need to present a proof of

residence document when registering (again, this document can be shown electronically). If your drivers license or state ID card has your current address, that's all you need.

[Examples of proof of residence documents are here.](#)



**When you vote, you will need to present one of the acceptable forms of photo ID for voting pictured left.** (Click image to enlarge)

For more information about voter photo ID – and how to get a free ID if you don't have an ID acceptable for voting – see our [downloadable voter ID fact sheet](#). Or visit the Wisconsin Elections Commission's voter photo ID website: [Bring It to the Ballot](#).

If you do not have an acceptable ID for voting and need help getting one, contact one of these Voter ID Hotline #s: 608/285-2141 or 414/882-8622.

**Are you (or do you know) a college student voting in Wisconsin?**

[Here are "Three Things College Students Need to Do To Vote in Wisconsin"](#)

Don't put this off – or think that a primary election isn't worth turning out for. *Every* election matters, and your participation is crucial to restoring a healthy democracy in our state.