

PLACER COUNTY ELECTIONS DIVISION

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Who is eligible to vote in Placer County?

In order to qualify as a registered voter in Placer County, you must satisfy all of the requirements listed below:

- You must be a citizen of the United States.
- You must currently reside in Placer County.
- You must be 18 years of age or older on or before the date of the next election.
- You must not be incarcerated or currently on parole for the conviction of a felony.
- You must not have had your voting rights revoked by a court of law.

How do I register to vote?

You may register to vote by filling out a **Voter Registration Form**. Once completed, be sure to sign and mail it to the Placer County Elections Division at P.O. Box 5278, Auburn CA, 95604 or return it in person to the Placer County Elections Division at 2956 Richardson Drive, Auburn CA, 95603.

Where can I get a Voter Registration Form?

If you are currently a Placer County resident and would like to register to vote, you may:

- Download and print the **Voter Registration Form** from our website at **How to Vote/Register to Vote**. Once the form has been completed, mail it to the Elections Division at P.O. Box 5278, Auburn CA, 95604.
- Download a Voter Registration Form from the Secretary of State's website at **www.sos.ca.gov**. Once completed, mail the form to the Elections Division at P.O. Box 5278, Auburn CA, 95604 or 2956 Richardson Dr., Auburn CA, 95603.
- Request a Voter Registration Form from the Elections Division. Applications are available by request at 530-886-5650 or toll free in California 1-800-824-8683.
- Apply in person at the Elections Division located at 2956 Richardson Dr, Auburn CA, 95603. Regular business hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
- Voter Registration Forms are also available for pick-up at local libraries, post offices, DMV, or the City Clerk's office.

What information is required on a Voter Registration Form?

According to state law you are required to provide the following information when registering to vote:

- Your full name (as it appears on driver's license)
- Your current Placer County residence address
- Your mailing address (if different from physical address)
- Date and place of birth
- California Drivers' License number or California Identification number. Both are available at the Department of Motor Vehicles, or, if you do not have a Drivers' License, the last four (4) digits of your Social Security number.
- Party affiliation
- Declaration of citizenship
- Signature

Optional Information:

- Telephone number
- E-mail address
- Polling Place Worker Survey

When should I register to vote?

You can register to vote at any time, however in order to cast a ballot in an upcoming election the Placer County Elections Division must receive your Voter Registration Form at least 15 days prior to Election Day. To ensure you receive your Sample Ballot Booklet in a timely manner, please register as early as possible.

Voters are required to complete and submit a new Voter Registration Form anytime:

- They move or change their residential address
- Change their name
- Change political affiliation

Election mail cannot be forwarded so be sure to complete a new Voter Registration Form when you move.

What happens after I register to vote?

Once your information is entered into our system, it is verified by the Secretary of State's Office and a voter notification card is mailed out to confirm your registration. If you do not receive a notification card within 4-6 weeks, contact the Elections Division to confirm your registration as a Placer County voter.

What if I forget to sign or provide all of the required information on the Voter Registration Form?

Our office will contact you by mail or telephone to obtain any missing information. If the Secretary of State's Office is unable to verify the information provided on your Voter Registration Form, the Elections Division will contact you to clarify or correct it. Once your information has been corrected, you will receive a voter notification card in the mail confirming your registration. If your information is not verified in time for an election, contact the Placer County Elections Division at 530-886-5650 or toll free in California at 1-800-824-8683 for further instruction.

I did not vote in the last election. Do I need to re-register?

If you fail to vote during an election, your registration as a Placer County voter will not change. However, if you are a Permanent Vote-By-Mail voter and fail to participate in two (2) consecutive statewide general elections your Permanent Vote-By-Mail Status will be removed. A new application must be submitted if you wish to reinstate your Permanent Vote-By-Mail Status (E.C. 3206).

How do I know if I am currently registered to vote?

You may contact the Placer County Elections Division at 530-886-5650 or toll free within California 1-800-824-8683 to confirm your registration. If you have recently submitted a Voter Registration Form, you should receive a voter notification card in the mail within 4-6 weeks. If you do not receive a notification card, contact the Elections Division to verify that our office received the form.

How will I receive information about candidates and measures?

Every registered voter within Placer County is sent a Sample Ballot and Voter Information Pamphlet between 21 to 40 days prior to an election. The pamphlet contains information on all local candidates and measures.

In a statewide election, every household will receive a Voter Information Pamphlet from the Secretary of State with information about statewide propositions and the candidates running for office. For more information you may also visit our website at **Election Info/Current Elections** or the Secretary of State's website at **www.sos.ca.gov**.

How do I change my physical address, name or political party?

Anytime you move, change your name or political affiliation you need to re-register to vote. **Voter Registration Forms** are available on our main webpage under **How to Vote/Register to Vote**, the Secretary of State's website **www.sos.ca.gov** or at any Placer County library, DMV or post office.

Once completed, mail the new Voter Registration Form to the Elections Division at P.O. Box 5278, Auburn CA, 95604 or deliver the form in person to 2956 Richardson Dr, Auburn CA, 95603.

Please note: If your mailing address has recently changed, you can notify our office by phone to update your voter file. The Elections Division is available at 530-886-5650 or toll free in California at 1-800-824-8683. You may also submit a written request to update your information. Written requests must include your full name, date of birth, current Placer County residential address, new mailing address, the date and your signature. Requests should be sent to the Placer County Elections Division at P.O. Box 5278, Auburn CA, 95604 for processing.

What if I forget to notify the Elections Division of changes to my residence address, name or political party?

If you have recently moved or changed your name but have not re-registered to vote, you may not receive important election materials which by law are non-forwardable. In addition, the ballot you receive during an election is based upon your residence address and the precinct/districts in which you reside. Although you are eligible to cast a provisional ballot at the Elections Division or any polling place within Placer County on Election Day, by re-registering to vote you help to ensure that your name appears on the roster at your new polling place and that you vote the correct ballot on Election Day.

If it is during a primary election and you wish to change your political affiliation but have not re-registered to vote; be aware that your ballot will reflect whatever party you are currently registered to.

To find out more about re-registering to vote or for the location of your new polling place, visit our website at **How to Vote/Register to Vote** or contact the Placer County Elections Division at 530-886-5650 or toll free in California at 1-800-824-8683.

I became a United States citizen after the 15 day close of registration, can I still vote?

Yes. You may cast a provisional ballot at the Placer County Elections Division once you have:

- Provided proof of citizenship (official naturalization documents) (E.C. 3501).
- Completed a provisional voting packet.

For more information on voting as a new citizen, visit our website at **How to Vote/New Citizen**.

I am a spouse, dependent or member of the Armed Forces who has been released from active service after the close of registration, can I still vote?

Yes. You may cast a provisional ballot at the Placer County Elections Division once you have:

- Provided a current form of identification and the official discharge/release documentation.
- Completed a provisional voting packet.

For more information see our website at **How to Vote/Military and Overseas Voters**.

Can a registered voter be removed from the active voter registration list?

A voter's registration can be cancelled for one of the following reasons (E.C. 2201):

- At the signed, written request of the person registered.
- When the mental incompetency of the person registered is legally established by a court of law.
- Upon proof that the person is presently imprisoned or on parole for conviction of a felony.
- Upon the production of a certified copy of a judgment directing the cancellation to be made.
- Upon the death of the person registered.
- Upon official notification that the voter is registered to vote in another county or state.
- Upon proof that the person is otherwise ineligible to vote.

Where can I find out more information about registering to vote in Placer County?

To find out more about registering to vote or your status as Placer County voter, visit our website at **How to Vote/Register to Vote** or contact the Placer County Elections Division at 530-886-5650 or toll free in California at 1-800-824-8683.