**Voting in Oklahoma: A Guide for Citizens with Disabilities**

Voting is your constitutional right and responsibility as a citizen. It is an important way to help select the national, state and local officials who make laws, design programs and decide how tax dollars are spent.

National elections for president usually get the most attention, but it is the people who are elected to state and local positions that have the real power to affect your daily life.

Take time to learn who your elected officials are and how their decisions can affect you. You can go to the Oklahoma Legislature on the Internet at [www.lsb.state.ok.us](http://www.lsb.state.ok.us/) and select the button called “Find Your Legislator” to find out who your state and U.S. representatives are. You may also call (800) 522-8502, (800) 522-8506 (Relay Oklahoma) or (800) 722-0353 (TDD).

When you become a part of the election process you can work to elect people who support the issues that matter most to you.

**Who is Eligible?**

A person who is eligible to register to vote must be at least 18 years old, a United States citizen and a resident of Oklahoma.

Some persons who have legal guardians are not eligible to vote because of the type of guardianship a judge determined. If you have a guardian, or have a guardianship order pending, ask your guardian or the judge about your right to register and vote.

How to Register

You must fill out an application form. Forms are available at your County Election Board, post offices, tag agencies, libraries and many other public locations. You will be offered a voter registration application when you get your driver’s license and when you apply for assistance at some government agencies.

You also may print an application form on the State Election Board Web site at [www.elections.state.ok.us,](http://www.elections.state.ok.us/) call (405) 521-2391, or send a request to receive a form by U.S. Mail at P.O. Box 53156, Oklahoma City, OK 73152.

The application form asks for:

* your name and address
* your political affiliation
* your birth date
* your driver’s license number
* the last four digits of your Social Security number (required if no driver’s license).

You must sign and date the oath printed on the form.

**When to Register**

You may submit your voter registration application form at any time. However, voter identification cards cannot be issued during the 24 days before to an election. If the County Election Board receives your application during the 24 days before an election, you will not receive your voter identification card until after the election. If you will become 18 during the 60 days before an election, you may apply for voter registration between 25 and 60 days before the election.

**How to Submit Your Application**

You may mail your voter registration application to the State Election Board. The card is addressed, but you must add a first-class postage stamp. If you fill out your voter registration application form at a tag agency when you get your driver’s license or when you apply for assistance at a government agency, the agency will mail the form to the State Election Board for you.

If you are unable to fill out and sign or make a mark on the application, contact your County Election Board for more information.

**Voter ID Card**

You do not become a registered voter until the County Election Board in the county where you live has approved your application. When your application is approved, the County Election Board will mail a voter identification card to you. Your voter identification card lists your name, address, political party affiliation and the precinct, or polling place, where you will vote.

When you receive your voter identification card, look at it carefully and report any errors to the County Election Board immediately. Keep your voter identification card

in a safe place and always take it with you when you go to vote. Some new registered voters are asked for identification when they vote for the first time in certain kinds of elections.

At the Polling Place

Polls are open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. If you are in line to vote at 7 p.m., you will be able to vote. Poll workers will ask your name, and ask you to sign a registry. They will give you a ballot and a pen, and direct you to a voting booth. After you mark your ballot, put it in the voting device and leave the polling place. Every county in Oklahoma uses electronic vote counting devices.

**Voter Assistance**

Some voters need assistance, and poll workers are trained to assist voters who need it. They include:

* Voters who have a physical disability and are unable to mark their own ballots.
* Voters who cannot read.
* Voters who are blind or have a visual disability.
* Voters who are physically unable to enter the polling place.

**Accessibility of Polling Places**

Election officials work to assure that polling places are in accessible buildings. Curbside voting is available for voters who are unable to enter the polling place.

**Absentee Voting**

Regular Application – Any registered voter in Oklahoma may vote by absentee ballot. It is not necessary to give a reason for voting absentee. Follow the special instructions on page 2 of the application for submitting this request.

Incapacitated Application – Any registered voter in Oklahoma who is physically incapacitated or charged with the care of another person who is physically incapacitated and who cannot be left alone may vote by absentee ballot.

Contact your County Election Board if you want or need to vote by absentee ballot.

**Closed Primary System**

Oklahoma has a closed primary system. Only voters who are registered members of a recognized political party may vote for the party’s candidates in primary and

runoff primary elections. Registered Independent voters may be eligible to vote in party’s primaries and runoff primaries if authorized by the party.

However, nonpartisan judicial offices, state questions and county questions often are included in primary elections. All registered voters, including Independents, are entitled to receive those ballots. At general elections, all voters receive the same ballot and may vote for any candidate or question on the ballot.

**Changing Your Registration**

You may need to change your voter registration. Changes you may need to make are:

* your address
* your name
* your political affiliation.

You must fill out another voter registration application to change your voter registration. You may change your registration at any time with one exception. You may not change your political affiliation during the period from June 1 through August 31, inclusive, in any even- numbered year. The last day on which you may change your political affiliation before the closed period is May 31; the first day on which you may change your political affiliation after the closed period is Sept. 1.

**Cancelled Registrations**

In most cases, voter registration is permanent. However, some voter registrations are canceled.

The County Election Board may cancel a registration:

* if the voter dies
* if the voter is convicted of a felony
* if the voter has a guardianship order that has removed the right to vote
* if the voter moves and registers again in another county or in another state
* if the voter asks the County Election Board in a written, notarized statement to cancel the registration
* if the voter does not respond to correspondence from the County Election Board and does not vote for more than four years.

For additional information about voting in Oklahoma, contact your local County Election Board or the Oklahoma State Election Board at P.O. Box 53156, Oklahoma City, OK 73152, (405) 521-2391. The State Election Board Web site is [www.elections.state.ok.us.](http://www.elections.state.ok.us/)

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Oklahoma City, OK 73125

(405) 521-4984 (V/TDD)

1-800-836-4470 (Toll Free V/TDD)

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[www.okddc.ok.gov](http://www.okddc.ok.gov/)

# Oklahoma State Election Board

**(405) 521-2391**

If you have a problem at your polling place on an election day, contact your County Election Board listed below.

Adair 918-696-7221

Alfalfa 580-596-2718

Atoka 580-889-5297

Beaver 580-625-4742

Beckham 580-928-3314

Blaine 580-623-5518

Bryan 580-924-3228

Caddo 405-247-5001

Canadian 405-422-2423

Carter 580-223-5290

Cherokee 918-456-2261

Choctaw 580-326-5164

Cimarron 580-544-3377

Cleveland 405-366-0210

Coal 580-927-3456

Comanche 580-353-1880

Cotton 580-875-3403

Craig 918-256-7559

Creek 918-224-3529

Custer 580-323-5124

Delaware 918-253-8762

Dewey 580-328-5668

Ellis 580-885-7721

Garfield 580-237-6016

Garvin 405-238-3303

Grady 405-224-1430

Grant 580-395-2862

Greer 580-782-2307

Harmon 580-688-2460

Harper 580-735-2313

Haskell 918-967-8792

Hughes 405-379-2174

Jackson 580-482-2370

Jefferson 580-228-3150

Johnston 580-371-3670

Kay 580-362-2130

Kingfisher 405-375-3895

Kiowa 580-726-2509

Latimer 918-465-3703

LeFlore 918-647-3701

Lincoln 405-258-1349

Logan 405-282-1900

Love 580-276-2242

McClain 405-527-3121

McCurtain 580-286-7405

McIntosh 918-689-2452

Major 580-227-4520

Marshall 580-795-5460

Mayes 918-825-1826

Murray 580-622-3800

Muskogee 918-687-8151

Noble 580-336-3527

Nowata 918-273-0710

Okfuskee 918-623-0105

Oklahoma 405-713-1515

Okmulgee 918-756-2365

Osage 918-287-3036

Ottawa 918-542-2893

Pawnee 918-762-2125

Payne 405-747-8350

Pittsburg 918-423-3877

Pontotoc 580-332-4534

Pushmataha 580-298-3292

Roger Mills 580-497-3330

Rogers 918-341-2965

Seminole 405-257-2786

Sequoyah 918-775-2614

Stephens 580-255-8782

Texas 580-338-7644

Tillman 580-335-2287

Tulsa 918-596-5780

Wagoner 918-485-2142

Washington 918-337-2850

Washita 580-832-3658

Woods 580-327-1452

Woodward 580-256-3609