Voter Registration Deadlines

No updates required since April 2, 2024

Background
While every state determines their own registration deadline, the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) (1993) does not allow states to set a deadline more than 30 days before an election. Deadlines vary from up to 30 days prior to Election Day in some states to states which allow registration through Election Day. Allowing Election Day registration increases access for voters and can boost voter turnout.

Scoring
• If state has Election Day registration, +1 point.
• If state deadline is between 1-15 days prior to Election Day, +1/2 point.
• If state deadline is between 16-30 days prior to Election Day, 0 points.

Summary Table

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| State allows Election Day registration      | 22 states & D.C. | California  
Colorado  
Connecticut  
D.C.  
Hawaii  
Idaho  
Illinois  
Iowa  
Maine  
Maryland  
Michigan  
Minnesota  
Montana  
Nevada  
New Hampshire  
New Mexico  
North Dakota* (does not require registration)  
Utah  
Vermont  
Virginia  
Washington  
Wisconsin  
Wyoming |
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<td>Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, West Virginia</td>
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State-by-State Sources and More Detail

Alabama (1/2)
- State registration deadline is 15 days prior to Election Day (Ala. Code § 17-3-50).

Alaska (0)
- State registration deadline is 30 days prior to Election Day (AS 15.07.070).

Arizona (0)
- State registration deadline is 29 days prior to Election Day (A.R.S. § 16-120).

Arkansas (0)
- State registration deadline is 30 days prior to Election Day (Ark. Code § 7-5-201).

California (1)

Colorado (1)
- State allows Election Day registration (C.R.S. § 1-2-201).

Connecticut (1)

Delaware (0)
- State registration deadline is 24 days prior to Election Day (Del. Code Tit. 15 §2036 et seq.).

D.C. (1)

Florida (0)
- State registration deadline is 29 days prior to Election Day (Fla. Stat. § 97.055).

Georgia (0)
- State registration deadline is 29 days prior to Election Day (OCGA § 21-2-224).

Hawaii (1)
- State allows Election Day registration (HRS § 11-15.2).

Idaho (1)
- State allows Election Day registration (Idaho Code § 34-408A).
Illinois (1)
  • State allows Election Day registration (10 ILCS 5/5-50).

Indiana (0)
  • State registration deadline is 29 days prior to Election Day (IC 3-7-13-10).

Iowa (1)
  • State allows Election Day registration (Iowa Code § 48A.7A).

Kansas (0)
  • State registration deadline is 21 days prior to Election Day (K.S.A. 25-2311).

Kentucky (0)
  • State registration deadline is 29 days prior to Election Day (KRS 116.045).

Louisiana (0)
  • State registration deadline is 30 days prior to Election Day (La. R.S. § 18:135).

Maine (1)
  • State allows Election Day registration (21-A M.R.S. § 121-A).

Maryland (1)
  • State allows Election Day registration (21-A M.R.S. § 121-A).

Massachusetts (1/2)
  • State registration deadline is 10 days prior to Election Day (SB 2924 (2022)).

Michigan (1)
  • State allows Election Day registration (MCL 168.497).

Minnesota (1)
  • State allows Election Day registration (Minn. Stat. § 201.061).

Mississippi (0)
  • State registration deadline is 30 days prior to Election Day (Miss. Code § 23-15-37).

Missouri (0)
  • State registration deadline is 27 days prior to Election Day (§ 115.135, RSMo).

Montana (1)
  • State allows Election Day registration (§ 13-2-304, MCA).

Nebraska (1/2)
  • State registration deadline is 11 days prior to Election Day (Neb. Rev. Stat. § 32-302).

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Nevada (1)
- State allows Election Day registration ([NRS 293.5847](#)).

New Hampshire (1)
- State allows Election Day registration ([N.H. Rev. Stat. §654:7](#)).

New Jersey (0)
- State registration deadline is 21 days prior to Election Day ([N.J.S. § 19:31-6](#)).

New Mexico (1)

New York (1/2)
- State registration deadline is 10 days prior to Election Day ([N.Y. Elec. Law § 5-210](#)).

North Carolina (0)
- State registration deadline is 25 days prior to Election Day ([N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 163-82.6](#)).

North Dakota (1)
- North Dakota does not require voter registration.

Ohio (0)
- State registration deadline is 30 days prior to Election Day ([Ohio Rev. Code Ann. §3503.19](#)).

Oklahoma (0)
- State registration deadline is 25 days prior to Election Day ([Okla. Stat. tit. 26 § 4-110.1](#)).

Oregon (0)
- State registration deadline is 21 days prior to Election Day ([Ore. Rev. Stat. § 247.017](#)).

Pennsylvania (1/2)
- State registration deadline is 15 days prior to Election Day ([25 P.S. § 3071](#)).

Rhode Island (0)
- State registration deadline is 30 days prior to Election Day ([R.I. Gen. Laws § 17-9.1-3](#)).

South Carolina (0)
- State registration deadline is 30 days prior to Election Day ([S.C. Code Ann. § 7-5-150](#)).

South Dakota (1/2)
- State registration deadline is 15 days prior to Election Day ([S.D. Codified Laws § 12-4-5](#)).
Tennessee (0)

- State registration deadline is 30 days prior to Election Day (Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-2-109).

Texas (0)

- State registration deadline is 30 days prior to Election Day (V.T.C.A., Election Code §13.143).

Utah (1)

- State allows Election Day registration (UCA 20A-2-207).

Vermont (1)

- State allows Election Day registration (17 V.S.A. §2144).

Virginia (1)


Washington (1)

- State allows Election Day registration (RCW 29A.08.140).

West Virginia (0)

- State registration deadline is 21 days prior to Election Day (W. Va. Code, § 3-2-6).

Wisconsin (1)

- State allows Election Day registration (Wis. Stat. §6.29).

Wyoming (1)

- State allows Election Day registration (Wy. Stat. §22-3-104).

Democracy Map & Additional Resources

- See our Democracy Map: Voter Registration Deadlines, which is updated in real time.