

VOTING IS FOR EVERYONE – HOMELESS VOTING RIGHTS RESOURCE

All U.S. states and territories are prohibited from preventing any U.S. citizen from registering to vote except in the case of a felony conviction or mental incompetence. If you are homeless and free from a felony conviction, you are eligible to vote in most states even if you do not have standard ID or a stable mailing address.

See the chart below to learn about voting requirements by state. (Most recent update: 2017)

State	Need mailing address to register?	ID needed to register and vote?
Alabama	Address OR map/diagram of place of residence	Current and valid photo ID
Alaska	Address OR name/number of harbor, trailer lot, community of residence	Current and valid photo ID, birth certificate, passport, or hunting/fishing license
Arizona	Address OR map/diagram of place of residence	Photo ID OR two official documents with voter's name and address, proof of citizenship required to register
Arkansas	Address OR map/diagram of place of residence with landmarks	Photo ID OR official document with voter's name and address
California	Address OR description of place of residence (ex: streets or landmarks nearby, does not need to be specific)	Photo ID OR official document with voter's name and address for first-time voting. Can register online without ID with an interview
Colorado	For homeless individuals, address of a "location I regularly return to"	Photo ID OR official document with voter's name and address
Connecticut	Need to list address for receiving mail, but can be a shelter /post office, etc.	Photo ID is NOT required to vote, but in that case voter must sign an affidavit**
Delaware	Can list shelter/social service agency as mailing address	Two pieces of identification with voter's name on it for first-time voting
DC	Can give address of shelter or list place they usually stay (ex: corner)	Photo ID OR official document with voter's name and address
Florida	Must give address where you can receive mail (ex: agency, relative, etc.)	Photo ID OR official document with voter's name and address
Georgia	Can list address of place they usually stay OR map/diagram of residence	Current and valid photo ID
Hawaii	Mailing address within the state OR map/diagram of place of residence	Photo ID OR official document with voter's name and address
Idaho	Address OR map/diagram of place of residence	Photo ID OR voter will be required to sign an affidavit**
Illinois	Must give address where you can receive mail (ex: agency, relative, etc.)	Photo ID OR official document with voter's name and address
Indiana	Address OR short description of place of residence	State (or school) photo ID on voting day, bill/bank statement/document ok for registration
Iowa	Address OR short description of place of residence	Photo ID OR official document with voter's name and address for first-time voting
Kansas	Mailing address required	Current and valid photo ID required on voting day, proof of citizenship required to register

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Kentucky	Mailing address required	Photo ID OR official document with voter's name and address
Louisiana	Residence address is required	ID OR official document with voter's name and address
Maine	If no mailing address, write "NONE," then write description for residence	Photo ID OR official document with voter's name and address
Maryland	Address where you can receive mail (ex: agency, relative, etc.)	Photo ID OR official document with voter's name and address
Massachusetts	Address OR map/diagram of place of residence	Photo ID OR official document with voter's name and address
Michigan	Address OR short description of place of residence	Photo ID OR voter will be required to sign an affidavit**
Minnesota	Address OR short description of place of residence	Photo ID OR document with voter's name and address OR registered voter to vouch for you
Mississippi	Address OR map/diagram of place of residence	Photo ID OR Mississippi Voter ID
Missouri	Address OR short description of place of residence	Photo ID OR official document with voter's name and address
Montana	Mailing address required	Photo ID OR official document with voter's name and address
Nebraska	Mailing address required	Photo ID OR official document with voter's name and address
Nevada	Address OR short description of place of residence	Photo ID required to register to vote and on election day, although other forms of ID may be accepted – check with local election clerk
New Hampshire	Must give address, and if voter's name is not on the lease, must provide verification that it is voter's address	Photo ID on voting day OR voter will be required to sign an affidavit** Must register in person
New Jersey	Address OR "contact point" OR location where most time is spent	Photo ID OR official document with voter's name and address
New Mexico	Address OR map/diagram of place of residence	Photo ID OR official document with voter's name and address for first-time voting
New York	Mailing address is required, plus description of place of residence	Photo ID OR official document with voter's name and address for first-time voting
North Carolina	Address OR map/diagram of place of residence	Photo ID OR official document with voter's name and address
North Dakota	<i>No voter registration required – anyone can vote with valid ID</i>	ID with voter's name and address OR voter will be required to sign an affidavit**
Ohio	Address OR short description of place of residence	Photo ID OR official document with voter's name and address
Oklahoma	Address OR short description of place of residence	Photo ID OR voter will be required to sign an affidavit**
Oregon	Oregon votes by mail. Homeless voters can list county election clerk's office and pick up ballot there to vote or provide address where voter can receive mail (ex: agency, relative, etc.)	Photo ID OR official document with voter's name and address

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Pennsylvania	Address OR map/diagram of place of residence	Photo ID OR official document with voter's name and address
Rhode Island	Address OR short description of place of residence	Photo ID OR Rhode Island Voter ID or else cast a provisional ballot**
South Carolina	Address OR map/diagram of place of residence	Photo ID OR official document with voter's name and address
South Dakota	Address OR short description of place of residence	SSN or driver's license required to register
Tennessee	Address where you can receive mail (ex: agency, relative, etc.) AND short description of place of residence	Government-issued photo ID
Texas	"General Delivery" AND short description of place of residence	Photo ID OR official document with voter's name and address
Utah	Address where you can receive mail (ex: agency, relative, etc.) AND short description of place of residence	SSN or driver's license required to register , Photo ID OR two official documents with voter's name and address on voting day
Vermont	Short description of place of residence	SSN or driver's license required to register , Photo ID OR official document with voter's name and address needed for first-time voting
Virginia	Do not need to provide residence address if homeless, but must provide address where you can receive mail (ex: agency, relative, etc.)	Photo ID OR Virginia Voter ID or else cast a provisional ballot**
Washington	Washington votes by mail. Homeless voters can list county election clerk's office and pick up ballot there to vote or provide address where voter can receive mail (ex: agency, relative, etc.)	SSN or driver's license required to register
West Virginia	Address where you can receive mail (ex: agency, relative, etc.)	Photo ID OR official document with voter's name and address for first-time voters
Wisconsin	Must verify residency in Wisconsin (can use letter from social service agency to verify) AND provide map/diagram of place of residence	Photo ID OR Wisconsin Voter ID
Wyoming	Contact county clerk for guidance on how to list address on registration	Must register in person or else get registration form notarized. Photo ID OR two official documents with voter's name and address required to register, first-time voting

**Note on affidavits/provisional or "challenged" ballots: In states that allow voting without an ID on condition of signing an affidavit, voter will cast a "provisional ballot," meaning their vote will be counted if identity can be confirmed by election officials after voting day. Some provisional ballots are not counted in the election for various reasons. Contact a local elections official for further information.

Election Resources by State:

To find answers to further questions about the specific guidelines of each state, visit the state's website or contact their state election officials (contact information available on state website)

Alabama: <http://sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes>

Alaska: <http://www.elections.alaska.gov/>

Arizona: <https://www.azsos.gov/elections>

Arkansas: <http://www.sos.arkansas.gov/elections/Pages/default.aspx>

California: <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/>

Colorado: <https://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/main.html>

Connecticut: <http://sots.ct.gov/sots/site/default.asp>

Delaware: <https://elections.delaware.gov/index.shtml>

DC: <https://www.dcboe.org/home.asp>

Florida: <http://dos.myflorida.com/elections/>

Georgia: <http://sos.ga.gov/index.php/elections>

Hawaii: <http://elections.hawaii.gov/>

Idaho: <http://www.idahovotes.gov/>

Illinois: <https://www.elections.il.gov/>

Indiana: <http://www.in.gov/sos/elections/>

Iowa: <https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterinformation/index.html>

Kansas: <http://www.voteks.org/>

Kentucky: <https://www.sos.ky.gov/elections/Pages/default.aspx>

Louisiana: <https://www.sos.la.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

Maine: <http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/>

Maryland: <http://www.elections.state.md.us/>

Massachusetts: <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/eleidx.htm>

Michigan: <http://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127-1633-49313--,00.html>

Minnesota: <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/>

Mississippi: <http://www.sos.ms.gov/Elections-Voting/Pages/default.aspx>

Missouri: <http://www.sos.mo.gov/elections>

Montana: <http://sos.mt.gov/elections>

Nebraska: http://www.sos.ne.gov/elec/voter_info.html

Nevada: <http://nvsos.gov/sos/elections>

New Hampshire: <http://sos.nh.gov/Elections.aspx>

New Jersey: <http://www.njelections.org/>

New Mexico: <http://www.sos.state.nm.us/default.aspx>

New York: <https://www.elections.ny.gov/>

North Carolina: <http://www.ncsbe.gov/>

North Dakota: <https://vip.sos.nd.gov/Portallist.aspx>

Ohio: <https://www.sos.state.oh.us/elections/>
Oklahoma: <https://www.ok.gov/elections/>
Oregon: <http://sos.oregon.gov/voting-elections/Pages/default.aspx>
Pennsylvania: <http://www.votespa.com/en-us>
Rhode Island: <http://sos.ri.gov/divisions/elections>
South Carolina: <https://www.scvotes.org/>
South Dakota: <https://sdsos.gov/elections-voting/default.aspx>
Tennessee: <https://sos.tn.gov/elections>
Texas: <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/index.shtml>
Utah: <https://elections.utah.gov/>
Vermont: <https://www.sec.state.vt.us/elections.aspx>
Virginia: <http://www.elections.virginia.gov/>
Washington: <https://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/>
West Virginia: <http://www.sos.wv.gov/elections/Pages/default.aspx>
Wisconsin: <http://elections.wi.gov/elections-voting>
Wyoming: <http://soswy.state.wy.us/Elections/Default.aspx>

States with Homeless-Specific Resources:

Connecticut:

www.sots.ct.gov/sots/lib/sots/electionservices/voterfactsheets/2016/CT_homeless_voter_fact_sheet2016.pdf

Delaware: <https://elections.delaware.gov/voter/fixresidence.shtml>

Florida: https://soe.dos.state.fl.us/pdf/guidelinesvoterresidencyupdated_02-2012.pdf

Maine: <https://www.graymaine.org/registrar-of-voters/pages/registering-to-vote>

Maryland: <https://www.peoples-law.org/voting-rights>

Minnesota: <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/register-to-vote/im-homeless/>

New York: <http://www.lwvny.org/advocacy/vote/RTVHomelessIndividuals.pdf>

Oregon: <http://sos.oregon.gov/voting/Pages/homeless-confidential.aspx>

Tennessee: <https://sos.tn.gov/products/elections/homeless-persons-residency>

Washington: <https://wscadv.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/VOTING-IF-YOU-ARE-HOMELESS.pdf>

Other Sources:

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- <http://www.uky.edu/electionlaw/analysis/what-bring-polls-some-quick-notes-kentuckys-voter-id-law>
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- <http://www.acluutah.org/resources/articles-position-papers/item/1188-2016-utah-voter-empowerment-guide>
- <http://knkx.org/post/being-homeless-doesnt-disqualify-you-voting-washington>

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National Coalition for the Homeless
www.nationalhomeless.org
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