

Massachusetts Voting Laws

Before Election Day

- Check your registration status or register to vote at www.mass.gov/topics/voting.
- Verify that your name and address are up to date, and update your information if there is a change.

In Massachusetts you are eligible for absentee voting due to absence from the city or town on Election day, physical disability, or religious belief. Early voting days for the general election are October 22 - November 2.

The last day to register to vote in the primary election is Wednesday, August 15. The last day to register to vote in the general election is Wednesday, October 17.

Proof of Identification

You may be asked for ID if:

- **The poll worker has a reasonable suspicion that leads them to request identification,**
- You are voting for the first time in Massachusetts in a federal election,
- You are an inactive voter,
- You are casting a provisional or challenged ballot.

Information for Election Officials about Trans Voters

The voter you are working with is transgender or non-binary and may not have been able to update their ID to reflect their identity for a number of reasons. **As long as their voter data (name and address) matches an acceptable form of ID, they have the right to vote.**

Gender discrepancy on ID is not a valid reason to deny a regular ballot. The voter may not have been able to change the gender on their ID for any number of reasons, but the ID is still valid for voting.

As long as they have a valid acceptable form of ID, they are eligible to vote. It is not valid to deny a regular ballot to a voter because they dress or appear differently from the photo in their ID.

A voter's transgender status and medical information is confidential. Personal information is not relevant to a person's right to vote.

Transgender voters are not doing anything illegal. If confusion about this person's right to vote continues, please contact an election supervisor or judge to resolve any remaining questions.

Elections Division

You have several voter resources available to you at <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/> under Elections and Voting.

Refer to this website for more information regarding mail-in registration forms, absentee ballot applications, tracking your ballot, etc.

Be Prepared for Election Day



Proof of Identification

It is helpful to bring your voter registration card, a utility bill showing the address you are registered under, rent receipt, driver's license, state ID card, lease, a copy of a voter registration affidavit, or any other printed identification that contains your name and address.



If the poll worker questions your identity

Show them your proof of identification that includes your name and address, and the information for poll workers located on this page.



If you are not allowed to vote

Look for a volunteer attorney who may be there to assist voters who have been told they cannot vote. If no one is there to assist you, call the Massachusetts Elections Division at 1-800-462-VOTE (8683)



Provisional Ballot

If you are still unable to vote, request a provisional ballot. Your ballot will be counted if you return with ID to the polling place or the office of your local election official by close of polls. All provisional ballots are investigated, and those cast by eligible voters are counted.