



Same Day Voter Registration

Voters can register and vote after the 15-day voter registration deadline

How it Works

Don't be discouraged if a voter misses the voter registration deadline. Eligible voters can still register and vote on the same day all the way up to and through Election Day!

To register after the deadline, a voter may register by completing the registration form online (registertovote.ca.gov) or by using a paper voter registration card. However, they must visit their county elections office or a designated location to vote.

Same Day Voter Registration, officially known as conditional voter registration, was enacted in 2012 (AB 1436, authored by Assemblymember Mike Feuer) and became effective January 1, 2017, after California certified its statewide voter registration database.

What Voters Need to Know

You can still register and vote even if you missed the voter registration deadline.

Go to your county Elections Office – up to and through Election Day.

It's 3 simple steps you can complete in 1 visit.

1. You **register** to vote.
2. You **vote**.
3. You **seal** your ballot in a special envelope and **sign** it.

To learn where you can register and vote contact your county Elections Office:

www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/county-elections-offices

We strongly recommend that all voters VOTE at the county elections office or designated location where and when they register.

Once you register, you will be registered for future elections.

Votes will be counted once election officials verify your voter registration and confirm

* This is an excerpt from the *2018 Election Reform Primer: What Voters Need to Know*. The full document is available at <http://futureofcaelections.org/electionprimer2018/>.

Important Reminder:

If you register after the deadline, you will only be able to vote at your county elections office or a specially designated location. To learn where you can register and vote contact your county Elections Office: www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/county-elections-offices

that you have not already voted elsewhere. You can check the county website for your ballot status to see if your ballot was counted, and if not, why not. To view your ballot status visit <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/ballot-status>

Same Day Voter Registration Offers Opportunity for Students

In past elections, the registration deadline was a particular barrier for students. Students are often new voters and may not be aware of elections deadlines, or they may move without updating their voter registration. Additionally, some students register to vote at their parent's address and don't receive any voting information at their campus residence.

Same Day Voter Registration solves these problems as long as students know that they must visit the county elections office or a designated location to register to vote and vote.

If you are registering students, contact the county elections office in your county and urge them to create a specially designated location for Same Day Voter Registration near or on campus.

After the 15-day voter registration deadline, be prepared to point unregistered students to the nearest specially designated location. They will not be able to register or vote at a standard polling place.

Frequently Asked Questions

When is the voter registration deadline?

15 days before election day.

Why does the voter registration deadline matter?

There are several milestones as we get close to Election Day:

- If you register 29 days before the election, you receive your state and county voter guide in the mail with all the information you need to vote.
- If you register 15 days before the election, your name is on the voter list at your polling site and you still have time to vote by mail.
- If you register after the 15th day, you must go to a county elections office or designated location to vote.

Where to check if you are registered to vote?

Visit voterstatus.sos.ca.gov or call (800) 345-VOTE (8683). You can look up your registration or find your polling place.

If I register to vote and then vote, will my ballot be treated the same as everyone else's?

You will fill out a standard ballot, place it in an envelope, fill out your information, sign it, and submit it. Your ballot will be counted if:

- Your signature on the ballot envelope matches the one on your voter registration form.
- You provide all the information needed to identify you on your voter registration form -- including your name, address of residence, and date of birth.
- This is the only ballot you cast in this election.