

WHAT'S NEW



Minnesota has a number of new laws that expand the freedom to vote!

RESTORING THE VOTE

Now, Minnesotans who have left prison behind will be included in our democracy. Any criminal record does not affect your right to vote, unless you are currently incarcerated serving a felony conviction.

If you are not incarcerated, including if you are on probation or parole, or owe restitution, you are eligible to vote.

AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION

In 2024, Minnesota established automatic voter registration. Once in place, those applying for an instructional permit, driver's license or state ID, will also be registered to vote if they meet all eligibility requirements, including citizenship. In addition to making it easier to vote, this will allow elections officials to streamline the process of updating voter rolls.

Minnesotans will be able to opt-out of registering to vote within 20 days of their registration being processed.

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PRE-REGISTRATION FOR 16- AND 17-YEAR-OLDS

Now, 16- and 17-year-old Minnesotans can submit a voter registration form, and have their registration take effect on their 18th birthday. Minnesota is a national leader in youth engagement, and getting young people to think of themselves as future voters is a big part of that.

ONGOING VOTE FROM HOME

Many Minnesotans enjoy the convenience of voting from home with an absentee ballot. Any eligible voter may vote this way, and as of June 2024 they will be able to request to be added to a list to automatically be sent an absentee ballot during the early vote period, instead of needing to apply again ahead of every election. This will save time for voters who know they want to continue voting from home.

LANGUAGE PROVISIONS

Starting in January 2024, voter instructions in the three most commonly spoken non-English languages will be provided in every polling place statewide. Additional language access will be provided at qualifying polling places, according to census data.

- Precincts with at least 3% of the population speaking English “less than very well” will provide translated voting instructions and sample ballots.
- Precincts with at least 20% of the population speaking English “less than very well” will, upon request, provide translation services in their precinct on Election Day. Voters can also submit a request with at least 10 signatures from eligible voters from their precinct.



Scan this code to visit mnvotes.gov and register to vote!