



How To Vote in North Dakota General Election: Tuesday, November 8, 2022

County Election Contact: [Secretary of State](#)

Quick Facts - North Dakota		
Last Date to Register for GE	All eligible voters are automatically registered in North Dakota.	Voter Lookup iwillvote.com
Last Date to Submit an application for Mail-In Ballot for GE	Postmarked or submitted by: Nov. 7, 2022¹ ** Emergency ballots may be requested and issued on Election Day (Nov. 8), but must be returned by 4 p.m. on election day	Absentee Ballot Application
Last Date to Return Mail-In Ballot for GE	Postmarked by Nov. 7, 2022 or dropped off in person by 5pm on Nov. 7, 2022	Drop boxes for the Nov. 8, 2022 general election are listed here
Early Voting Dates for GE	Varies by County Counties that offer early voting are listed here	Comprehensive county list can be found here and iwillvote.com
General Election Day	General: Nov. 8, 2022	Voter polling place lookup List of polling places for Nov. 8 general election iwillvote.com

¹ [N.D. Cent. Code § 16.1-07-05](#);
<https://vip.sos.nd.gov/pdfs/Portals/2019%20to%202021%20Election%20Law%20Book.pdf> (page 69)

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General Questions	
When is the upcoming election?	General: November 8, 2022

How can I vote in North Dakota?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Absentee by mail • Early voting • In person on election day
Sample Ballot	Look up voter information here
Is there Straight Ticket Voting	No.
Registration	
Voter registration deadline?	There is no voter registration in North Dakota and, thus, no deadline; all eligible voters are automatically registered.
Does my state have same day registration? If so, what is the process	There is no voter registration in North Dakota.
Where can I check my registration?	There is no voter registration in North Dakota.
Registration Requirements	<p>There is no voter registration in North Dakota. However you must be a qualified elector to vote. This means that you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are a U.S. citizen and North Dakota resident • Have resided in your precinct for at least 30 days before the election, meaning an actual, fixed permanent dwelling, or any other abode. • Are at least 18 years old on election day²
If the voter has moved and not updated their registration can they vote?	<p>*If the voter moved within same precinct* The voter can vote, they should bring their ID with them to the polls.</p> <p>*If the voter moved to a different precinct* The voter can vote, they should bring their ID <u>and</u> supplemental documentation (utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, or government-issued document) with the new address. The voter should have lived within the precinct for 30 days before the election.³</p>

² North Dakota Secretary of State, [Qualifications for Voting in North Dakota](#).

³ <https://vip.sos.nd.gov/pdfs/Portals/2019%20to%202021%20Election%20Law%20Book.pdf> (page 32)

	<p>Additional information is available here.</p> <p>Most ND driver licenses and non-driver ID cards can be updated respecting the individual's residential, mailing, or email address by calling the NDDOT at (701) 328-4353 or online here. Physically replacing the card will not be necessary.</p> <p>**If a residential address has not been assigned to the place where the voter lives, the voter should contact the 911 coordinator for the county, who can determine a residential address (for free). Additional information, including maps, is available here.</p>
<p>If a voter's name or signature has changed but they didn't update their registration can they vote?</p>	<p>There is no voter registration in North Dakota.</p>
<p>How do I register to vote/update my registration?</p>	<p>There is no voter registration in North Dakota, but if a voter needs to update their name or address on their ID, they can do so by phone, in person, or online. Most ND driver's licenses and non-driver ID cards can be updated at no cost by calling the DOT at (701) 328-4353 or online. The card does not need to be replaced because, by notifying DOT, the voter record is updated.</p> <p>Tribal IDs are updated with the voter's tribal office. For those tribes that have agreed to share data with the Secretary of State, the ID does not need to be replaced. For all other tribes, the ID must be replaced to reflect the change. Additional information is available here.</p>
<p>ID to Vote</p>	<p>There is no voter registration in North Dakota. However, you must provide an adequate ID to vote.</p> <p>Valid forms of ID include: North Dakota Driver's license</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● North Dakota Nondriver's identification card ● Tribal government issued identification (including those issued by BIA for a tribe located in North Dakota, any other tribal agency or entity, or any other document that sets forth the tribal member's name, date of birth, and current North Dakota residential address)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long term care identification certificate (provided by North Dakota facility)⁴ <p>The ID must show your name, date of birth, and address. If the ID does not show all of these accurately, you may supplement them with other documentation such as a current utility bill, a current bank statement, check or a document issued by a federal, state, local, or tribal government (including those issued by BIA for a tribe located in North Dakota, any other tribal agency or entity, or any other document that sets forth the tribal member’s name, date of birth, and current North Dakota residential address), or a paycheck.⁵ Tribal members are allowed to identify their address on a map or use other proof of their residence</p> <p>If you are a North Dakota resident in the military or overseas, you may use your military ID or passport.⁶</p>
Early Voting	
Early voting period?	For the general election (Nov. 8) , early voting varies by county. A list of counties offering early voting is available here . A comprehensive list of counties is here .
Where can I vote early?	As noted above, all early voting sites, with dates and hours of operation, are available here and iwillvote.com
Voting by Mail	
Can I vote absentee?	Yes. North Dakota has no-excuse absentee voting. ⁷ Voters can begin the process of requesting their absentee ballot here .
	Drop box locations for the Nov. 8 general election can be found here .
How do I vote by mail?	Information about voting by mail can be found here .

⁴ North Dakota Secretary of State, [ID Required for Voting](#)

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ [N.D. Cent. Code § 16.1-07-01.](#)

	<p>Voters can begin the process of requesting their absentee ballot online here or with this form.</p> <p>Your ballot may be mailed, faxed, or personally delivered to your county auditor’s office. You can find their contact information here.</p>
What if I requested a Vote-by-Mail ballot but I want to vote in person on Election Day?	No one who votes by absentee ballot can vote in person at the same election. ⁸ However, if you have not yet voted by absentee ballot, you can vote in person on Election Day.
What is the deadline to request my vote by mail ballot?	<p>General: Nov. 7, 2022</p> <p>**Emergency Ballots may be requested on Election Day, but must be returned by 4pm on Election Day</p>
What is the deadline to return my vote by mail ballot?	Postmarked by Nov. 7, 2022 <u>or</u> returned in person by 5pm on Nov. 7, 2022
How do I check the status of my absentee ballot?	You can check the status of your absentee ballot here .
Military/Overseas voting	Military and overseas voters may request their absentee ballot electronically, which expedites the request. Voters may also submit a paper request by mail or through digital submission. ⁹
How can I “cure” any issues with my ballot?	If an election official, absentee ballot precinct election board, or the canvassing board has reason to suspect the absent voter's signatures on the application and the affidavit on the returned ballot envelope do not match, the election official shall notify the absent voter the signatures do not appear to match. The notification must include instructions by which the absent voter may confirm the

⁸ [N.D. Cent. Code § 16.1-07-01.](#)

⁹ North Dakota Secretary of State, [North Dakota Uniformed Service Members and Family Members Stationed Away from Home.](#)

	<p>validity of the signatures, a statement that verification is required before the ballot can be counted, the date and time of the canvassing board meeting, and a statement that verification must be completed by the absent voter before close of the meeting of the canvassing board occurring six days after the election.</p>
<p>Election Day Questions</p>	
<p>When are polls open?</p>	<p>Hours vary by county, but polls must be open by 9am or earlier, but not earlier than 7am, as designated by local law. Polls must remain open continuously until 7pm, but can remain open until 9pm, as designated by local law.¹⁰</p> <p>For your county's hours, find your polling place here.</p> <p>Information by county is available here.</p>
<p>Where can I vote on election day?</p>	<p>Find polling locations here.</p> <p>Instructions for voting in person are here.</p>
<p>ID to Vote and Requests for Verification of Citizenship</p>	<p>Voters must provide valid ID in order to vote. BUT current law does not permit an election official to require a voter to provide documentary proof of citizenship in order to vote.</p> <p>Valid forms of ID include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● North Dakota Driver's license ● North Dakota Nondriver's identification card ● Tribal government issued identification (including those issued by BIA for a tribe located in North Dakota, any other tribal agency or entity, or any other document that sets forth the tribal member's name, date of birth, and current North Dakota residential address) ● Long term care identification certificate (provided by North Dakota facility) <p>Note that if you are using an ND driver license or a non-driver ID card you can simply update it without physically replacing it by calling the DOT at (701) 328-4353 or online here.</p>

¹⁰ [N.D. Cent. Code § 16.1-01-03.](#)

<p>I am a registered voter who is not on the rolls at my precinct. Can I vote where I am?</p>	<p>Because there is no voter registration, there are no voter rolls.</p> <p>However, you must meet the residency requirements to vote including providing your current address through your ID and/or supplemental documentation.</p>
<p>Assistance Voting with or without a disability</p>	<p>You are permitted to bring anyone of your choice to assist you with voting and completing your ballot as long as that person is not your employer or an officer or agent of your union, a candidate running in that election, or a relative of a candidate. You may also request assistance from polling location staff, in which case two election judges will assist you.¹¹</p>
<p>Provisional Ballots</p>	
<p>What should I do if a poll worker tells me to use a provisional ballot?</p>	<p>There are no provisional ballots in North Dakota except for voters who cast their vote after regular poll closing¹²</p> <p>However, If an individual is not able to show a valid form of identification but asserts qualifications as an elector, the individual may mark a ballot that will be securely set aside. When the individual provides valid identification to the proper election official prior to the meeting of the canvassing board, the set aside ballot will be presented to the canvassing board for proper inclusion in the tally.¹³ This is referred to as a “set aside ballot.”</p>
<p>Curing a Provisional or Set Aside Ballot</p>	<p>If a voter is not able to show valid ID and their ballot becomes a “set aside ballot” (above), the voter may present valid ID before the meeting of the canvassing board (13 days after the election—Nov. 21, 2022).</p> <p>In the event a voter votes after the regular polls close, the secretary of state shall approve the form of any provisional ballot and may prescribe any procedures determined to be necessary to facilitate the casting, secrecy, and counting of provisional ballots.¹⁴</p>

¹¹ [N.D. Cent. Code § 16.1-13-27.](https://vip.sos.nd.gov/pdfs/Portals/2019%20to%202021%20Election%20Law%20Book.pdf)

¹² [N.D. Cent. Code § 16.1-13-34;](https://vip.sos.nd.gov/pdfs/Portals/2019%20to%202021%20Election%20Law%20Book.pdf)

<https://vip.sos.nd.gov/pdfs/Portals/2019%20to%202021%20Election%20Law%20Book.pdf>

¹³ <https://vip.sos.nd.gov/IDRequirements.aspx?ptlhPKID=103&ptlPKID=7>

¹⁴ <https://vip.sos.nd.gov/pdfs/Portals/2019%20to%202021%20Election%20Law%20Book.pdf>

Voter Machine Questions	
Machine/Equipment problems	Voters use paper ballots in North Dakota, so they will still be able to vote if the scanning equipment is malfunctioning. ¹⁵
Voter Challenge/Electioneering	
What am I supposed to do if someone challenges my right to vote?	As there is no voter registration in North Dakota, your right to vote cannot be challenged for any reason other than you are not fulfilling the ID requirements.
Electioneering/ People campaigning or hanging around polling location/Can they approach me?	No electioneering is permitted within 100 feet of a polling location. ¹⁶
Are firearms allowed at a polling place on Election Day?	This is location specific. However, all public buildings prohibit firearms. For more information contact your county election official here.https://vip.sos.nd.gov/CountyAuditors.aspx
Voting with a Disability	
Accessible Voting for Persons with Disabilities	You are permitted to bring anyone of your choice to assist you with voting and completing your ballot as long as that person is not your employer, an officer or agent of your union, a candidate or their relative. You may also request assistance from polling location staff, in which case two election judges will assist you. ¹⁷
Can I receive assistance at the booth while voting?	You are permitted to bring anyone of your choice to assist you with voting and completing your ballot as long as that person is not your employer, an officer or agent of your union, a candidate or their relative. You may also request assistance from polling location staff, in which case two election judges will assist you. ¹⁸
Language Issues	

¹⁵ North Dakota Secretary of State, [FAQ: What voting equipment will voters use to cast their ballots?](#);

¹⁶ [N.D. Cent. Code § 16.1-10-03.](#)

¹⁷ [N.D. Cent. Code § 16.1-13-27.](#)

¹⁸ *Id.*

<p>Can I get assistance voting if I cannot read English?</p>	<p>You are permitted to bring anyone of your choice to assist you with voting and completing your ballot as long as that person is not your employer, an officer or agent of your union, a candidate or their relative. You may also request assistance from polling location staff, in which case two election judges will assist you.¹⁹</p>
<p>Trans Voting Issues</p>	
<p>Do I need to re-register if I have changed my name?</p>	<p>There is no voter registration in North Dakota, but you need to provide valid ID or supplemental documentation with your legal name. Changes to name need to be made to your ID. This can be done by calling the DOT at (701) 328-4353 or online. The card does not need to be replaced because, by notifying DOT, the voter record is updated. Tribal IDs are updated with your tribal office. For those tribes that have agreed to share data with the Secretary of State, the ID does not need to be replaced. For all other tribes, the ID must be replaced to reflect the change.</p>
<p>Student/Youth Voting</p>	
<p>Student voting</p>	<p>As there is no voter registration, students are permitted to vote at either their permanent home address in North Dakota or school address in North Dakota provided their ID has been updated to reflect the desired address and/or the student brings any required supplemental documentation showing the desired address when voting or applying for an absentee ballot. If the student is registered to vote in another state, the student should contact the state election official in the home state for information about the voter qualifications and procedures for voting absentee in your home state. In most cases, if you vote in an election in North Dakota, your residency will change from your home state to North</p>

¹⁹ *Id.*

	Dakota. ²⁰ The student will need to have lived at the address for 30 days before the election.
Can I pre-register to vote?	There is no voter registration in North Dakota.
Felony disenfranchisement	
If I have been convicted of a crime can I vote?	Yes, as long as you are not currently incarcerated for the felony. ²¹
Miscellaneous	
Disability resources	<p>North Dakota does not specifically allow voters to request a ballot curbside, if a polling place is inaccessible. For more information about what your options may be under the ADA, please visit: https://www.ada.gov/ada_voting/ada_voting_ta.htm.</p> <p>You may choose someone (except your boss, union agent, or a candidate) to assist you in marking your ballot. Someone assisting you may need to complete an affidavit to be returned with the paper ballot.</p> <p>A person can help you, but cannot be an employer/employee, candidate, or union leader/member.</p> <p>https://vip.sos.nd.gov/pdfs/Portals/2019%20to%202021%20Election%20Law%20Book.pdf (page 71)]</p>
Can my children go with me when I vote?	Yes. You are permitted to bring anyone of your choice to assist you with voting and completing your ballot as long as that person is not your employer, an officer or agent of your union, a candidate or their

²⁰ North Dakota Secretary of State, Voting College Students.

²¹ [N.D. Cent. Code § 12.1-33-01](#).

	relative. You may also request assistance from polling location staff, in which case two election judges will assist you. ²²
Ballot Selfies	Photography is permitted in polling locations, but poll workers have full authority to regulate placement. Members of the media are asked to respect the rights of voters. All subjects who have a close-up picture taken must agree to such actions. Every voter has a right to cast a ballot in secrecy and in private. Please be aware that photography or videotaping inside a polling place may serve to intimidate voters who are exercising their right to vote. ²³
County Election Contacts	Contact the county auditors here .

²² [N.D. Cent. Code § 16.1-13-27](#).

²³ North Dakota Secretary of State, [FAQ: What rules apply to bringing media cameras inside a polling place?](#):