

The last day to register to vote in TN is Oct 6

The General Election is Nov 4

1. FIRST, REGISTER TO VOTE

*Do it online at <http://www.rockthevote.com>. It'll only take a few minutes---all you have to do is print it, sign it, lick it and mail it. The deadline to mail in your form is usually 15-30 days before the day of the election. Check your state's info below to find out. If you think you are already registered at an old address, go ahead and re-register at your new address.

2. IF YOU ARE A STUDENT, YOU CAN VOTE FROM SCHOOL

College students can register to vote wherever they consider "home", including their school address.

You can vote as a Tennessee resident!!! All you need is a bill or lease in your name coming to a Tennessee address! And a voting pole is located in the UC, so it's really easy to vote on Election Day!

If you believe, however, that your vote would make a bigger impact at your parents' address, and you can't get back there for Election Day, you may be able to get an absentee ballot and vote by mail. See below.

3. YOU MAY BE ABLE TO VOTE FROM HOME

If you are not from Tennessee and do not have a bill or lease in your name, or you just want to vote in your home state, you can register in your home state and get an absentee ballot and vote by mail.

You should request a vote by mail ballot from your state. Deadlines vary from state to state so contact your elections division early—like now. Your state will send you the ballot; you just fill it out and mail it back. Usually the deadline for the state to receive the form is by close of the polls on Election Day or in some cases a few days before the election. Contact your elections division for the exact deadlines (see page 3). However, for residents of Illinois, Michigan, Louisiana, Nevada, Tennessee, Virginia, or West Virginia: you can't vote by mail if this is your first time voting, you have to vote in the flesh the first time.

4. USE THE WEB TO FIND YOUR POLLING PLACE

Sometimes, people lose the information about WHERE they are supposed to vote. Then the election arrives and they don't vote. Don't let that happen to you: check your state's website, or call your state at the number listed on page 3. This information should also be on the documents your state sends you once you register, so hold onto it.

5. BRING ID AND PROOF OF RESIDENCY WITH YOU

The safest thing for you to do is to bring government issued ID with you to the polls on Election Day. If your driver's license or government ID matches the address you used to register to vote, that's all you need. If this ID does not have the address that you used to register to vote, then you should bring a separate proof of residency document such as a financial aid letter from your school, a personal check that has your address on it, rent receipt, recent utility bill, etc.

Pretty much everyone who uses the Internet to register to vote, or who is registering to vote for the first time at a particular address, is going to have to provide ID with residency. Check your state specific requirements. And if you forget on Election Day to bring your ID or you lose it for some reason, vote with a provisional ballot. Don't leave without voting.

6. DON'T BE INTIMIDATED

You don't have to be a genius or even politically oriented to be qualified to vote.

Really, you just need to have an opinion. Information on each candidate can easily be found on the web (see below sites for help). And, the actual process for voting is really, really easy. It's no harder than getting cash out of an ATM or filling out a standardized test. Don't worry about it. Just vote.

Helpful Websites

www.Rockthevote.com

www.usa.gov/Citizen/Topics/Voting.shtml

www.declareyourself.com

<http://www.congress.org/congressorg/e4/>

State Addresses, Phone Numbers, and Websites for Voting

<p>ALABAMA Janice McDonald, Elections Director Office of Secretary of State PO Box 5616 Montgomery, AL 36106 (334) 242-7559 FAX (334) 242-2444 http://www.sos.state.al.us/election/index.cfm</p>	<p>ALASKA Whitney Brewster, Director, Division of Elections PO Box 110017 Juneau, AK 99811-0017 (907) 465-4611 FAX (907) 465-3203 http://www.elections.state.ak.us</p>
<p>ARIZONA Joe Kanefield, Election Director Arizona Secretary of State's office 1700 W. Washington, 7th Floor Phoenix, AZ 85007 (602) 542-8683 FAX (602) 542-6172 http://www.azsos.gov/</p>	<p>ARKANSAS Jill E. Belin, Director of Elections Secretary of State, State Capitol, Room 026 Little Rock, AR 72201 (501) 682-3419 FAX (501) 682-3408 http://www.sosweb.state.ar.us/elections.html</p>
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<p>GEORGIA Cliff Tatum, Acting Director of Elections Georgia Elections Division Suite 1104, West Tower 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, SE Atlanta, GA 30334-1505 (404) 656-2871 FAX (404) 651-9536 http://www.sos.state.ga.us/elections/default.htm</p>	<p>HAWAII Dwayne Yoshina, Chief Election Official Office of Elections 802 Lehua Avenue Pearl City, HI 96782 (808) 453-8683 FAX (808) 453-6006 http://www.state.hi.us/elections</p>
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<p>MICHIGAN Christopher M. Thomas, Director Bureau of Elections Treasury Building, 1st Floor 430 W. Allegan Street Lansing, MI 48918 (517) 373-2540 FAX (517) 241-2784 http://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,1606,7-127-1633--00.html</p>	<p>MINNESOTA Gary Poser, Director of Elections Office of the Secretary of State 100 Martin Luther King Blvd., Suite 180 St. Paul, MN 55155 (651) 215-1440 FAX (651) 296-9073 http://www.sos.state.mn.us/election/in</p>

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