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## Voting Talking Points for Voter Registration

### Important Dates and Deadline for 2018

Election Type	Election Date	Voter Registration Deadline
Primary Election	May 8, 2018	April 9, 2018
Special Election (held if needed)	August 7, 2018	July 9, 2018
General Election	November 6, 2018	October 9, 2018

### Voter Registration Deadlines and Guidelines

The voter registration deadline is 30 days before an election. If a voter has changed their name or address since the last election, they must update their voter registration by the deadline to vote in the next election. Voters wishing to change their name and/or address may complete a registration card and return it to the Board of Elections, or they may update their information online if they have a valid Ohio driver's license or state ID with their new information on it. The website is [www.myohiovote.com](http://www.myohiovote.com).

### Online Voter Registration

Ohioans may register to vote or update their voter registration online. A valid driver's license or state ID is required to use the online voter registration system. Visit [www.myohiovote.com](http://www.myohiovote.com) to register.

### Sample Ballots Available

Voters may visit [www.443vote.com](http://www.443vote.com) to view a sample ballot (under "My Voting Info." Sample ballots are available to all voters to help them prepare for an election. The voter will see the exact candidates and issues that will appear on their ballot come Election Day.

### Where to Vote

The polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. on Election Day, November 7, 2017. Registered voters will receive a card in the mail with information about their voting location. Voters must bring proper ID to vote, which is also explained on the card. Voters may look up their polling location and learn about proper forms of ID at [www.443vote.com](http://www.443vote.com).

### Acceptable Forms of ID for Voting in Person

- Unexpired Ohio driver's license or state ID
- Military ID
- Current (within the past 12 months) utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check, or other government document with your name and current address

If a voter forgets to bring or does not have any ID, they will still be allowed to vote a provisional ballot which will be counted ten days after Election Day.

### **What to Do at Your Voting Location**

1. Arrive at your correct polling location (printed on a card that will be mailed to you prior to Election Day, or look it up at [www.443vote.com](http://www.443vote.com)).
2. Show the election officials your ID.
3. Sign the electronic poll book to receive your paper ballot.
4. Vote your ballot in a private voting booth.
5. Insert your ballot into the scanner.

### **Early Voting**

Voters will have the opportunity to vote early by mail or in person at the Board of Elections beginning 29 days before Election Day.

Early voting is encouraged for those who wish to avoid lines on Election Day, prefer to vote from the comfort of their own home, will be out of town during Election Day, or already know who they are voting for. Voting in person at the Board of Elections or by mail is considered “absentee voting” and is extremely safe and secure. The early voting hours are posted on the Board of Election’s website.

### **How to Vote by Mail**

If a voter wishes to vote by mail, they must complete and return an absentee ballot application. Once a voter receives their ballot and casts their vote, they must return the ballot by mail or drop it off at the Board of Elections on or before Election Day.

The deadline to request an absentee ballot is noon on the Saturday before Election Day.

Voters who cast their vote by mail can track their ballot by signing up for text and email alerts through VoterNotify. The voter will receive a message when their ballot has been mailed to them, and again once their ballot has been received at the Board of Elections. Voters may sign up at [www.443vote.com](http://www.443vote.com).

### **Benefits of Early Voting**

- Avoid lines on Election Day
- Vote in the privacy of your own home
- Vote on your own schedule
- During weekend voting the atmosphere can be very festive as early voting has become a tradition in some groups, organizations and churches
- You can vote with friends or family because when you vote early it doesn’t matter where you live in the Cuyahoga County.
- It’s easy
- You still get a sticker
- Every vote counts; early votes are counted first
- You can take your time and study the ballot

### **Election Officials (Poll Workers) Needed**

More than 6,000 people are needed to staff the polls, transport ballots and materials and maintain political balance on Election Day. All positions are paid.

To become an Election Official in Cuyahoga County:

- You must be a registered voter in Cuyahoga County.
- You must never have been convicted of a felony.

- You cannot be a candidate for an office or a position and serve as an election official in any precinct where your name appears on the ballot.

Additionally, bilingual poll workers are needed for Spanish-speaking voters.

To apply, please submit your application online at [www.443vote.com](http://www.443vote.com). For questions or to learn more, please contact [bepworker@cuyahogacounty.us](mailto:bepworker@cuyahogacounty.us) or call 216-443-3277.

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