

New York State Voter's Bill of Rights

As a registered voter, you have the right to:

Vote: The right to vote includes voting for candidates and questions on the ballot and having sufficient time to vote.

Have Your Votes Count: Vote on a voting system that is in working condition and that will allow votes to be accurately cast.

Secrecy in Voting: Secrecy in voting will be preserved for all elections.

Freedom in Voting: Cast your vote, free from coercion or intimidation by elections officers or any other person.

Permanent Registration: Once registered to vote, you continue to remain qualified to vote from an address within your county or city.

Accessible Elections: Non-discriminatory equal access to the election system for all voters, including the elderly, disabled, alternative language minorities, military and overseas citizens, as required by Federal and State laws.

Assistance in Voting: You may request assistance to vote because of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write.

Instruction in Voting: You can view a sample ballot in this polling place prior to voting, and before entering or approaching a privacy booth, scanner or ballot marking device, you may request help in how to mark and/or cast your ballot.

Affidavit Voting: Whenever your name does not appear in the poll ledger or the voter registration or enrollment list, or you do not provide identification when required, you will be offered an affidavit ballot.

For more information related to your voting status, please visit the following website: www.albanycounty.com/voting

Or scan the QR Code:



Albany County Board of Elections: 518-487-5060
260 South Pearl Street, Albany, New York 12202

Website would include the following: (Which is copy and pasted from the State Board website).

How do I register to vote?

You may register at your [local board of elections](#) or any state agency participating in the [National Voter Registration Act](#), on any business day throughout the year. Alternatively, you can download a .pdf version of the [Voter Registration Form](#) from our website, and mail it to your [county board of elections](#). You may also submit your voter application form at the Department of Motor Vehicles, either in person or on their web site if you already have DMV-issued identification.

How do I change my name and address?

Complete the Voter Registration Form with the new information, and mail it to your county board of elections. If you are moving to a new county you will have to re-register to vote. Send your voter registration form with the new information to your new county board of elections. You can obtain a Voter Registration Form from your [local board of elections](#) or any state agency participating in the [National Voter Registration Act](#), on any business day throughout the year. Alternatively, you can [download a .pdf version of the Voter Registration Form](#) from our website.

How do I change my enrollment?

The voter registration form should be used to change your party enrollment from one party to another or to enroll for the first time in a party. A change of enrollment received up until February 14th each year will be effective immediately. Changes received on or after February 15th until seven days after the June Primary will be set aside and opened the seventh day following the June Primary and entered in the voter's registration record. Please see [Deadlines](#) referenced above.


I am a victim of domestic violence, how can I protect myself when I register to vote? What about voting at my poll site?

N.Y. Election Law (5-508) allows victims of domestic violence to apply for a confidential registration by delivering a sworn statement to their local county Board of Elections stating they are a victim of domestic violence and they wish to have their voter registration record kept confidential because of the threat of physical or emotional harm to themselves or a family or household member. Their voter registration record will be kept separate and apart from other registration records for four years and not be made available for inspection or copying by the public or any other person, except election officials acting within the course and scope of their official duties. Under a separate section of the law (11-306), they can also be excused from going to their polling place to vote and get a special ballot. For further information, please contact your local board of elections for their confidential registration and special ballot procedures.

If you wish to file a complaint or inquire about enforcement action you may contact the Enforcement Counsel at:

*Division of Election Law Enforcement
NYS Board of Elections
40 North Pearl Street
Albany, NY 12207
518-486-7858
enforcement@elections.ny.gov.*

Where do I go to vote?

[Look up your voter registration and find your polling place](#)  or contact your [county board of elections](#).

When is the next election?

The following elections will occur this year:

Local Primary Election - June 27, 2023

The Early Voting period for Local June 27th Primary will be June 17, 2023 – June 25, 2023.

General Election - November 7, 2023

The Early Voting period for the November General Election will be October 28, 2023 - November 5, 2023.

For more information regarding filing or registration dates or deadlines refer to the [Political Calendar](#).

What hours are polling places open?

Primary Elections

POLLS OPEN AT 6 AM - CLOSE AT 9 PM

General Election

POLLS OPEN AT 6 AM - CLOSE AT 9 PM