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## REGISTERING TO VOTE

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### 1. STATUS: Am I registered to vote?

A voter can determine whether he or she is registered to vote by checking the Oklahoma State Election Board website and searching the Online Voter Tool: (<https://okvoterportal.okelections.us/>).

### 2. HOW: How do I register to vote? What if I don't have access to a computer and/or printer?

New voters must fill out a voter registration application form or may use the OK voter registration wizard (<https://okvoterportal.okelections.us/>) to complete the registration application form online that voters can print out, sign, and mail in. If you don't have access to a computer and printer, voter registration applications are available at the voter's County Election Board, post offices, tag agencies, libraries and many other public locations. Voters will be offered a voter registration application when you get your driver's license and when you apply for assistance at some government agencies.

### 3. IDENTIFICATION: What ID is required to register to vote?

Oklahoma law requires all registered voters to prove their identity before voting in-person at their polling place on Election Day or during early voting at their County Election Board Office. Either a valid photo identification (described below) or a County Election Board Voter Identification Card will suffice. Those voters who do not provide the requisite identification may vote by provisional ballot as set forth below.<sup>1</sup> If possible, a voter should obtain acceptable identification and NOT cast a provisional ballot.

#### **Photo Identification:**<sup>ii</sup>

To be valid, the photo identification must satisfy all of the following:

- Show the name of the person to whom the document was issued, and the name “substantially conforms” to the name in the Precinct Registry;
- Show a photograph of the person;
- Not be expired (identification that never expires is valid); and
- Be issued by the United States, the State of Oklahoma, or a federally recognized Indian tribe or nation.

Valid forms of photo identification include but are not limited to:

- Oklahoma Driver License
- Oklahoma Nondriver ID
- Tribal Membership Card
- US Passport
- US Military ID

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**Voter Identification Card:**<sup>iii</sup>

Voters may use the voter identification card they received by mail from their County Election Board when they registered to vote, so long as the name on the card “substantially conforms” to the name in the precinct registry. This card can be used even though it does not include a photograph or an expiration date.

**Affidavit With Provisional Ballot:**<sup>iv</sup>

If a voter does not have or refuses to show proof of identity, he or she may vote by provisional ballot and prove his/her identity by signing a sworn affidavit. Note that a provisional ballot will only be counted if it is cast in the precinct of the voter’s residence and if evidence of the voter’s valid voter registration and identity is found. The provisional ballot for an individual who has not shown proof of identity will be counted if: (1) the voter’s name on the affidavit substantially conforms to the voter’s name in the voter registration database, (2) the voter’s address substantially conforms to the address in the voter registration database, (3) the voter’s birth date matches the information in the voter registration database, and (4) the voter’s driver’s license number and last four digits of the voter’s Social Security number match the information in the voter registration database (unless this information was not provided upon registration, in which case this requirement will not apply). If the voter has legally changed his/her name or address prior to voting, and has not updated that information in the voter registry, the voter may note these facts on the affidavit and simultaneously submit a form to update his/her voter registration information to reflect these changes. The ballot will be counted if the voter’s previous name and/or address can be verified through the steps above.

Due to the Oklahoma Governor’s COVID-19 state of emergency that was in effect 45 days prior to the General Election, Senate Bill 210 provides an alternate option for absentee voter verification. For standard absentee ballot affidavits, the affidavit may be notarized OR the voter may submit a copy of a valid ID. For “physically incapacitated” absentee ballot affidavits (pink stripe) or caretaker absentee ballot affidavits (pink stripe), the affidavit may be witnessed by two people OR the voter may submit a copy of a valid ID.<sup>v</sup>

**4. DEADLINES: When is/was the voter registration deadline? Are there different deadlines whether I register by mail, in-person, online or on Election Day?**

To be eligible to vote in an upcoming election, the voter registration deadline is 25 days prior to the date of that election. The last day to register prior to the upcoming November 3, 2020 presidential election is October 9.

Mailed applications must be post-marked at least 25 days prior to the date of the election – that is by October 9, 2020. Likewise, hand-delivered applications must be received by election officials or voting registration agencies no later than October 9, 2020. Mailed applications that are postmarked 24 or fewer days prior to the date of the election, or hand-delivered applications that are received by election officials or voter registration agencies 24 or fewer days prior to the date of the election, or electronic updates to a voter registration that are submitted 24 or fewer days prior to the date of the election, will not be processed until after that election.

**5. SAME DAY: Does my state have Same Day Registration (i.e. I can register to vote the same day I vote)? If so, what is the process?**

No, Oklahoma does not have Same Day Registration.

**6. PERMANENT MOVE: I have moved permanently and I didn't update my voter registration, can I vote?**

If a voter has not updated his/her voter registration with the new address, the voter will be permitted to vote the ballot of the precinct where he/she is registered (the old address) for one last time, but will be required to update his/her voter registration to reflect the new address and to vote at the new precinct in any future elections. See the table below as a reference tool.

Upon executing a form to update his/her new address and presenting that form to either the inspector of the precinct in which the voter is registered (the old address) or to a member of an in-person absentee voting board of the county where the voter is registered, the voter will be permitted to vote a regular ballot in the precinct where he/she is registered (the old address).<sup>vi</sup> The updated registration form may be presented at the same time the voter appears for in-person voting.

A voter who has moved can also vote by mail. When applying for the absentee ballot, the voter must include his/her old address under which he/she is currently registered in order to qualify for the absentee ballot, but should request that the ballot be sent to his/her new address. The absentee ballot sent to the voter will be the one for the old precinct.<sup>vii</sup>

As of September 10, 2018, registered voters may update their registration information online using the Online Voter Registration tool: (<https://okvoterportal.okelections.us/>). Address changes may only be made if: (1) both the old address and the new address are in the same county and (2) an actual street name is used (i.e. no PO boxes, rural routes or freeform addresses). Changes to a voter's name cannot be made online. A paper form must be used for a new registration, a name change or a change to an address that crosses a county line or is a rural route.<sup>viii</sup>

Refer to the table below. The answer to this question depends on whether the voter moved within the same county/election jurisdiction or moved to a new county.

<b>Moved within the same precinct</b>	<b>Moved to a different precinct but within the same county</b>	<b>Moved to a different election jurisdiction (typically county)</b>
The voter may cast a regular ballot at the precinct where he/she is registered (i.e., the old address) for one last time, but will be required to update his/her voter registration to reflect the new address.	The voter may cast a regular ballot at the precinct where he/she is registered (i.e., the old address) for one last time, but will be required to update his/her voter registration to reflect the new address.	The voter must submit a new registration form.

**7. TEMPORARY MOVE: I have moved temporarily due to Covid-19 or some other reason. Where can I vote?**

Voters must still vote at their old location, but may request an absentee voter ballot. Oklahoma allows voters who meet one or more of the following criteria may apply for an absentee ballot identifying themselves on as a “physically incapacitated” when they apply for absentee ballots<sup>ix</sup>:

1. The voter has tested positive for COVID-19 and is receiving medical treatment or is in quarantine ordered by a personal physician or by the county health department.
2. The voter has been tested for COVID-19 and is either in quarantine or is self-isolating while waiting for the test results.
3. The voter has symptoms of COVID-19, as defined by the Centers for Disease Control, and has been advised by a personal physician or a county health department to quarantine or self-isolate.
4. The voter is a member of a group considered at “higher risk of severe illness” due to age or underlying health conditions and is subject to a “stay at home” or “safer at home” or similar order by the Governor or by an authorized municipal authority.
5. The voter has received a written recommendation from a personal physician that due to an underlying health condition the voter should not leave his or her home due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**8. STUDENT: I am a college student. Can I register to vote where I go to school? What if I am taking classes remotely? Where can I vote?**

Yes, a college student may vote where he/she attends school if that is the voter’s legal residence and the voter meets all the other eligibility requirements imposed upon Oklahoma residents.<sup>x</sup> So long as a student intends for his or her school residence to be his or her home, and intends to stay there for the time being, the student can register to vote at that address.<sup>xi</sup> However, a student located in another state, but taking classes at online school in Oklahoma may not register to vote in Oklahoma.

**9. LIVING ABROAD: I am living abroad and/or am serving in the military. How can I register and/or vote?**

Military and other overseas citizens may use the standard procedure for voting by mail, but there are also special provisions for members of the U.S. Armed Forces and merchant marine, commissioned corps of the Public Health Service and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, along with family members of all these groups, and other citizens who reside outside the United States (together these groups are called UOCAVA voters).

UOCAVA voters can also use the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to register to vote and to request an absentee ballot. They may receive their absentee ballots through the new Oklahoma Military and Overseas Ballots Online System (<https://www.fvap.gov/oklahoma>) by filling out an FPCA form and submitting it.

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Voters who request absentee ballots through this Online System are notified by e-mail when a ballot for an election in which they are eligible to vote becomes available. Voters still must return voted ballots to the County Election Board by mail or fax.<sup>xii</sup> In order to be counted, a UOCAVA voter's ballot must be received by the appropriate local election official by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, or the voter must fax or mail the ballot no later than 12:01 a.m. on Election Day.<sup>xiii</sup>

The Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot ("FWAB") (federal form SF 186) serves as an emergency backup ballot that UOCAVA voters may use.<sup>xiv</sup> Uniformed Service UOCAVA voters, and their dependents and spouses, may use the FWAB whether they are located inside or outside the United States (including APO and FPO addresses), provided that they are away from their voting residence for service-related activities. Additional information can be found at <https://www.fvap.gov/vao/vag/chapter2/oklahoma>.

**10. CRIMINAL CONVICTION: I have a criminal conviction. Can I vote?**

Persons convicted of a felony are ineligible to vote for a period of time equal to the time prescribed in their judgment and sentence.<sup>xv</sup> This ineligibility period runs for the entire length of the sentence, regardless of suspension of the sentence or parole. For example, "[a] person convicted of a felony and sentenced to five years, with the sentence suspended, may not register for five years. A person convicted of a felony and sentenced to ten years and who is paroled after serving only three years may not become a registered voter for ten years."<sup>xvi</sup> However, persons convicted of a felony, but who have received a deferred sentence, may register to vote so long as they are otherwise qualified.<sup>xvii</sup> A person with a felony conviction is also eligible to register to vote after receiving a full pardon.<sup>xviii</sup>

**11. INCARCERATED: I am currently in jail. Can I vote?**

Not if the voter is a convicted felon currently serving a sentence. Any voter can vote an absentee ballot without giving a reason, provided, however, that a voter may not request an absentee ballot if a voter is a felon who is currently ineligible to vote (see question 10 above).

**12. NOT ON ROLLS AT POLLING PLACE: I am at my polling place and am not on the voter registration roll. Can I vote where I am?**

A poll worker will check to see if you are registered.<sup>xix</sup> If the poll worker tells you that you cannot vote, you should inquire as to the reason. Make sure the poll worker checks the full list of voters and not just the one for that precinct. If the poll worker says that you are not eligible to vote in that precinct, but you believe you are eligible, you may vote using a provisional ballot after executing an affidavit.<sup>xx</sup> For the provisional ballot to be counted, you must also satisfy the identification requirements outlined in Question 3. After Election Day, County Election Board officials will investigate the information provided by the voter on the affidavit and either will approve the provisional ballot for counting or will reject it based on the outcome of that investigation.<sup>xxi</sup> A provisional ballot will only be counted if it is cast in the precinct of the voter's residence (unless the voter has recently moved, in which case see Questions 6 and 7) and if the provisional voter's valid voter registration and identity are confirmed.<sup>xxii</sup>

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Hotline volunteers should therefore try to verify that the voter is in the correct precinct. Because the provisional ballot may not be counted, the voter should consider going to court for an order permitting him or her to vote if the voter believes that he or she is – or should have been – duly registered.

**13. THOUGHT WAS REGISTERED: My name isn't on the voter registration roll but I thought I was registered. Could it have been removed? What do I do?**

A voter's name may only be removed from the list of registered voters if<sup>xxiii</sup>:

- A voter, and only the voter, may complete a "Request to Cancel Voter Registration" form and send it to the County Election Board in the county where he or she is registered, requesting that his or her voter registration be canceled.
- The registration of the voter may also be removed if to:
  - The voter has died;
  - The voter is convicted of a felony;
  - The has been judicially determined to lack mental capacity
- Address confirmation forms are sent to some registered voters to help the State of Oklahoma verify and update voter registration records. By law, a voter's registration will become inactive if the confirmation form is not returned within 60 days. The law requires the Election Board to cancel the voter registration of an inactive voter who (1) does not initiate a voter registration change or (2) does not vote in an election conducted by a county election board by the date of the second General Election for federal office following the date of the confirmation mailing. (For a voter who does not respond to the address confirmation notice in 2019, the voter's registration is required by law to be canceled following the 2022 General Election unless the voter reactivates the voter registration by voting or by initiating a voter registration change.)

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## HOW TO VOTE: EARLY VOTING

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**14. AVAILABILITY: Is there early voting in my state (whether called early voting or in person absentee voting)? When is it?**

Oklahoma has early voting options. Voters can vote at the County Election Board Office in the county where they are registered from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the Thursday and Friday before all elections, and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Saturday before federal and state elections.<sup>xxiv</sup> For the upcoming November 3 election, voters at the County Election Board Office in the county where they are registered from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on October 29 and 30, and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on October 31.

**15. ELIGIBILITY: Do I have to have a reason to vote early?**

No.

**16. WHEN: When do the polls open/close during early voting?**

See Question 14. above.

**17. WHERE: Where do I vote during early voting?**

See Question 14. above.

**18. IDENTIFICATION: What identification is required for early voting? Can I vote without providing identification?**

Oklahoma State law requires all registered voters to prove their identity before voting in person at the precinct polling place on election day or during early voting at the County Election Board. If a voter does not have or refuses to show proof of identity, such voter may vote by provisional ballot and prove the voter's identity by submitting a sworn affidavit with the provisional ballot. Provisional ballots are sealed inside special envelopes and are not put through the voting device. See Question 3 above.

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## HOW TO VOTE: ABSENTEE AND/OR VOTE BY MAIL

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**19. AUTOMATIC: Do I have to request an absentee ballot or will my state mail me one automatically? How do I request one?**

In Oklahoma, any registered voter can vote by mail by submitting an absentee ballot. Oklahoma does not require voters to have a reason to request an absentee ballot.

**There are a number of ways a voter can apply for an absentee ballot:**

- A voter can apply online using the Online Absentee Ballot Request form, which is available at: <https://okvoterportal.okelections.us/>.
- A voter can submit the Absentee Ballot Request Form to his or her local County Election Board by mail, e-mail, fax, or personal delivery. The Request Form is available from all County Election Boards and the State Election Board, or can be downloaded from the State Election Board's website at [https://www.ok.gov/elections/Vote\\_by\\_Mail.html](https://www.ok.gov/elections/Vote_by_Mail.html).<sup>xxv</sup>

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- A voter may write a letter to his or her County Election Board to apply for an absentee ballot. The letter must contain the voter's name, birth date, address where the voter is registered to vote, the election(s) for which the voter is requesting ballots, the address to which the ballots should be mailed, and the voter's signature.<sup>xxvi</sup> Absentee ballots must be requested no later than 5:00 p.m. on the Tuesday preceding an election.<sup>xxvii</sup> An absentee ballot must be received by the county election board before 7 p.m. on Election Day to be counted, although hand delivered ballots must be received during regular business hours the day before the election.<sup>xxviii</sup> In order to verify a mailed absentee ballot, the voter must either have the ballot notarized, or provide a photocopy of an acceptable photo identification (See Question 3).<sup>xxix</sup>
- Voters who are physically incapacitated or who care for physically incapacitated persons who cannot be left alone can either obtain signatures from two witnesses, or provide a photocopy of an acceptable photo identification.<sup>xxx</sup> These include voters that tested positive for COVID-19, are quarantining while awaiting results from a test, has COVID-19 symptoms, and anyone with underlying conditions.
- During the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, voters in nursing homes may have their absentee ballots delivered through a designated official at the nursing facility.<sup>xxxi</sup>
- A voter who is deployed within 10 days of an election as a first responder or emergency worker to assist with the rescue, recovery or relief efforts of a declared natural disaster or state of emergency may request an emergency absentee ballot from their county election board. The request must be made in writing and may be made in person at the appropriate county election board.
- Voters who become incapacitated after 5 p.m. on the Tuesday preceding an election may receive an absentee ballot through special emergency procedures. These voters must make a written request to the county election board. The request must be accompanied by a statement from a doctor that the voter is incapacitated and will be unable to vote in person on election day. The voter's request and the doctor's statement must be taken to the county election board office by a person the voter chooses. The person becomes the voter's "agent." The county election board can provide a form to be used for both the voter's request and the doctor's statement. The agent will receive the voter's ballot and will deliver it to the voter. After the voter marks the ballot, the agent must return it to the county election board office before 7 p.m. election day.

## **20. APPLICATION DEADLINE: What is the deadline for requesting an absentee ballot?**

The deadline to apply for an absentee ballot to be mailed to a voter is always 5 p.m. on Tuesday preceding the election. For the upcoming November 3 election, the deadline 5 p.m. on October 27, 2020.

**21. APPLICATION RETURN: Where and/or how can I return my absentee ballot application? Can someone return it for me?**

An absentee voter must return his or her own absentee ballot to county election officials.

In most cases, voters return their voted absentee ballots to the county election board by U.S. mail or by a private mail service that has delivery documentation. An absentee ballot must be received by the county election board by 7 p.m. on Election Day to be counted. In 2020, the USPS recommends mailing your voted absentee ballot at least one (1) week prior to the election date. First class postage is required for U.S. mail.

Voters who requested a "standard" absentee ballot may hand-deliver their own absentee ballot in-person to the county election board during regular business hours. Hand-delivered ballots must be returned no later than the end of business hours on the day before the election, and the voter must show the same identification (see Question 3 above) required for in-person voting. Generally, it is unlawful to hand-deliver another person's absentee ballot.

Those who requested "physically incapacitated" or "care for physically incapacitated persons" absentee ballots must return their ballots by U.S. mail or by a private mail service that has delivery documentation.

There are different requirements for special "emergency incapacitated" absentee ballots and for nursing home voters who are visited by an absentee voting board. Please see Question 19 above.

**22. DIDN'T REQUEST IN TIME: What if I have not requested an absentee ballot by the deadline?**

Voters that did not request an absentee ballot by the deadline may vote in person. Please see question 19 above for voters who become incapacitated after 5 p.m. on the Tuesday preceding an election.

**23. ELIGIBILITY: Do I have to have a specific reason for requesting to vote by absentee ballot?**

No.

**24. STATUS OF APPLICATION AND/OR BALLOT: How can I check the status of my application and/or absentee ballot?**

Voters may check the status of their application status here <https://okvoterportal.okelections.us/>.

**25. APPLICATION AND/OR BALLOT REJECTED: I learned my absentee ballot application and/or ballot was rejected. What can I do to fix any errors or get another one?**

The voter should follow the directions in the rejection notification and see Question 19 above regarding timing and procedures for requesting an absentee ballot. As an alternative, the voter may want to consider registering to vote in-person (see Question 2 above).

**26. COMPLETING BALLOT: How do I complete the absentee ballot? Are there any identification requirements?**

A voter should complete an absentee ballot by:

- Reading the Instructions for Voting by Absentee Ballot enclosed in your absentee ballot packet.
- Reading the COVID-19 Supplemental Instructions enclosed in your absentee ballot packet.
- Either:
  - Follow the absentee voter verification instruction #4 on the Instructions for Voting by Absentee Ballot sheet enclosed with your absentee ballot packet; OR
  - Complete and sign your affidavit envelope and attach a copy of your valid ID (see Question 3 above for acceptable forms of ID) to the outside of your affidavit envelope with a staple, tape, or paperclip.

**27. LOST OR SPOILED: What if I lost my absentee ballot or it is spoiled or I received an incorrect one?**

A voter whose application is on file and who lost or did not receive absentee ballots may apply for a second set of absentee ballots if more than seven (7) days have passed since the ballots were transmitted to the voter by the county election board. To receive a second set of ballots, the voter must swear or affirm that the voter lost or did not receive the original set of ballots for that election and that the voter will vote only one set of ballots.<sup>xxxii</sup>

**28. NON-RECEIPT OF BALLOT: What if I requested an absentee ballot but have not received it? Can I do anything?**

See question 27.

**29. IN PERSON OPTION: What if I requested an absentee ballot but I want to vote in person on Election Day?**

A voter who has requested an absentee ballot may vote in person after signing an affidavit swearing or affirming that he or she has not cast such absentee ballot and is entitled to vote in person.<sup>xxxiii</sup>

**30. BALLOT DEADLINES: What is the deadline for the ballot to be postmarked and/or received by, including dropping it off in person?**

Absentee ballots shall be returned to the secretary of each county election board no later than 7:00 p.m. the day of the election (i.e., November 3, 2020); provided, absentee ballots that are hand delivered to the county election board shall be delivered no later than the end of regular business hours on the day prior to the date of the election (i.e., November 2, 2020).

**31. BALLOT DROP OFF LOCATIONS: What are the locations for dropping off a completed ballot (instead of mailing it)?**

The secretary of the county election board in each county will designate one more locations for in-person absentee voting. A list of each county election board may be found here ([https://www.ok.gov/elections/documents/CEB\\_Physical%20Addresses\\_09112020.pdf](https://www.ok.gov/elections/documents/CEB_Physical%20Addresses_09112020.pdf)).<sup>xxxiv</sup>

**32. ASSISTANCE DROPPING OFF: Can someone drop off my completed ballot for me?**

A voter that is physically unable to vote in person at the precinct on the day of the election because the voter is either physically incapacitated charged with the care of another person who is physically incapacitated and who cannot be left unattended may request an absentee ballot by an agent of such person at the office of the county election board. Such an agent shall be a person of the voter's choosing who is at least sixteen (16) years of age and who is not employed by or related within the third degree of consanguinity or affinity to any person whose name appears on the ballot. No person may be the agent for more than one voter at any election.<sup>xxxv</sup>

**33. IN PERSON ABSENTEE: Where do I vote in-person absentee?**

See Question 31.

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## HOW TO VOTE: ELECTION DAY

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**34. HOURS: When do the polls open and close on Election Day? What if the polls are closing but I'm in line?**

The polls must be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. Any voter who is in line by 7:00 p.m. is entitled to cast a ballot.<sup>xxxvi</sup>

**\*Note to hotline volunteer:** If you learn that a polling place prohibits those who were in line by the time the polls closed from voting, advise voters to stay at the polling location and contact your hotline captain immediately.

**35. POLLING LOCATION: Where do I vote on Election Day?**

A voter can determine his or her proper polling place by checking the Oklahoma State Election Board website and searching the Online Voter Tool: (<https://okvoterportal.okelections.us/>).

If a voter has moved recently and has not updated their voter registration, refer to [Questions #6 and 7](#).

**\*Note to hotline volunteer:** Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, many polling places have been moved or consolidated. Voters should be advised to check the polling place listed on the Voter Notification Card they received from the local election authority a few days before the election.

**36. IDENTIFICATION: What identification is required to vote on Election Day? Can I vote without providing identification?**

Please see Question 3.

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## POLLING PLACE ISSUES

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**37. POLLING PLACE NOT OPEN: The polling place is not open. What do I do?**

The polls must be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. Any voter who is in line by 7:00 p.m. is entitled to cast a ballot.<sup>xxxvii</sup>

**\*Note to hotline volunteer:** If you learn of a polling place not opening on time or is closed, notify your hotline captain immediately.

**\*Note to hotline volunteer:** Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, many polling places have been moved or consolidated. Voters should be advised to check the polling place listed on the Voter Notification Card they received from the local election authority a few days before the election.

**38. LONG LINES: There are long lines at the polling place. What do I do? What if the polls are closing while I'm in line?**

See Question 34 for answer if voter is in line when polls are closing.

**\*Note to hotline volunteer:** If you learn of long lines, notify your hotline captain immediately.

**39. EQUIPMENT FAILURE: What should I do if there are equipment problems at my precinct?**

Voters should immediately notify the poll workers if the voting equipment breaks down. All ballots are on paper and are scanned using machines. If the machines malfunction, the poll workers should put out emergency bins to collect the paper ballots.<sup>xxxviii</sup>

**\*Note to hotline volunteer:** If you learn of equipment not working properly at a polling place, notify your hotline captain immediately.

**40. NO PPE/COVID: What if my polling place is not enforcing COVID-19 precautions or has run out of supplies?**

State election officials worked with health professionals at the OU Health Sciences Center to develop protocols for social distancing and disinfection at in-person voting sites. This will help protect poll workers and voters alike. Voter's should bring their own PPE supplies and may experience delays due to COVID-19 precautions. If a polling place is not enforcing COVID-19 precautions, please contact a poll worker.<sup>xxxix</sup>

**41. EQUIPMENT ASSISTANCE: I don't know how to use the voting equipment. Can I get help?**

Yes. Although voting procedures will vary depending on the type of equipment used at the polling place, instructions on how to use the voting equipment should be posted outside each polling place and inside each voting booth.<sup>x1</sup>

Further assistance is available for:

- Voters who have physical disabilities and are unable to mark their own ballots
- Voters who have visual impairments
- Voters who have physical disabilities or infirmities and are unable to enter the polling place
- Voters who cannot read<sup>x1i</sup>

Also, poll workers may provide information on voting procedures at a voter's request. However, poll workers are not allowed to tell a citizen for whom to vote or to attempt to influence a voter's choices. Oklahoma law prohibits voters who are not receiving assistance from remaining in the voting booth more than five (5) minutes if other voters are waiting. It prohibits any voter, regardless of whether he or she is receiving assistance, from remaining in the voting booth for more than ten (10) minutes.<sup>x1ii</sup> However, federal law prohibiting discrimination against voters with disabilities may override this restriction as applied to voters who need more time because of their disabilities.

**42. PHYSICAL DISABILITY: I have a physical disability and need assistance. Will my polling place be accessible?**

Yes. Any voter who needs assistance due to physical disabilities, visual impairments, or the inability to read, is entitled to have some person of his or her choice, other than the voter's employer, an agent of the employer, or an officer or agent of the voter's union, mark the voter's choices or assist the voter in marking his or her choices on the ballot. The voter must swear that assistance is required and the person providing assistance must swear that the voter's ballots are being voted in accordance with the voter's wishes.<sup>x1iii</sup>

**43. READING/LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE: I am blind, have a physical disability, or cannot read English and require assistance in order to vote. Can I get assistance at the polls?**

Please see Question 42.

**44. CURBSIDE VOTING: When can I request curbside voting?**

N/A.

**45. CAMPAIGNING: What rules apply to people campaigning or “hanging around” my polling place? Can people approach me?**

**Electioneering**

Oklahoma prohibits electioneering, otherwise trying to influence voters, or distributing election-related materials within 300 feet of any ballot box while an election is in progress.<sup>xliv</sup>

**Intimidation**

Voters must be able to exercise their right to vote without interference or intimidation.<sup>xlv</sup> Some examples of voter intimidation are:<sup>xlvi</sup>

- Aggressively questioning voters about their citizenship, criminal record, or other qualifications to vote, in a manner intended to interfere with the voters’ rights;
- Falsely presenting oneself as an election official;
- Spreading false information about voter requirements, such as an ability to speak English, or the need to present certain types of photo identification (when there is no such requirement);
- Displaying false or misleading signs about voter fraud and the criminal penalties of voter fraud; and
- Other forms of harassment, particularly harassment targeted towards non-English speakers and voters of color.

Voter intimidation is to be taken seriously and can be reported to.<sup>xlvii</sup>

- The Election Protection Hotline: 1-866-OUR-VOTE or 1-888-VE-Y-VOTA (in Spanish)
- The U.S. Department of Justice Voting Rights Hotline: 1-800-253-3931; TTY line 1-877-267-8971
- Local and state officials, including election workers and the Oklahoma State Election Board.

**Ballot Selfies**

Ballot selfies are allowed. A voter may photograph his or her marked ballot and distribute the image or photograph or share it via social media as long as the disclosure is voluntary and in compliance with state and federal law. However, voters may not expose their ballots to others or disclose to others how they voted within the election enclosure.<sup>xlviii</sup>

**46. CHALLENGES: Someone is formally challenging my vote. What do I do?**

Voters whose registration has been challenged should contact their local County Election Board to determine the reason for the challenge and correct or add any missing information. This should be done prior to the voter registration deadline. If a voter is challenged at the polls, the voter will need to vote a provisional ballot. Voters who cast provisional ballots are required to fill out and sign an affidavit that explains why their provisional ballot should be counted.<sup>xlix</sup> After election day, County Election Board officials will investigate the information provided by the voter on the affidavit and either will approve the provisional ballot for counting or will reject it based on the outcome of that investigation.<sup>1</sup>

**47. POLICE/MILITARY PRESENCE: There are police/members of the military at the polling place. Is this okay? What do I do?**

Please see Question 45 if a police presence or members of the military reaches the level of intimidation.

**\*Note to hotline volunteer:** If you learn of police/members of the military at the polling place, notify your hotline captain immediately.

**48. PROVISIONAL BALLOT: I have been offered a provisional ballot. What should I do?**

See Question 3.

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## QUESTIONS

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**49. Who should I contact if I have questions about any of the above?**

For additional information about voting in Oklahoma, a voter may contact the voter's local [County Election Board](#) or the [State Election Board](#).

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- <sup>i</sup> 5 Okla. Stat. tit. 26, § 7-114.
- <sup>ii</sup> Okla. Stat. tit. 26, § 7-114 (A).
- <sup>iii</sup> Okla. Stat. tit. 26, § 7-114 (A).
- <sup>iv</sup> Okla. Stat. tit. 26, § 7-114 (B)(1).
- <sup>v</sup> See [https://www.ok.gov/elections/Voter\\_Info/Absentee\\_Voter\\_Verification.html](https://www.ok.gov/elections/Voter_Info/Absentee_Voter_Verification.html).
- <sup>vi</sup> Okla. Stat. tit. 26, § 4-117. The statute states that a voter who moves within the same county and executes a change of address at his/her old polling place on Election Day shall be permitted to “vote on the ballots of such precinct” in which the voter is registered (the old address). A phone call to the State Board of Elections confirmed that the voter would be able to cast a regular ballot, as opposed to a provisional ballot. The State Board of Elections also confirmed that anyone who has moved to a new county and has failed to register his/her address can also vote one last time in his/her old county pursuant to the procedure described above, even though there is no specific guidance on this for voters who have moved to a new county
- <sup>vii</sup> This information was obtained through a phone call to the State Board of Elections.
- <sup>viii</sup> *See*  
<https://www.ok.gov/elections/documents/Oklahoma%20Voter%20Registration%20Application%20form%20v4-20%20SEB%20web.pdf>.
- <sup>ix</sup> See S.B. 210, [http://webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/cf\\_pdf/2019-20%20ENR/SB/SB210%20ENR.PDF](http://webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/cf_pdf/2019-20%20ENR/SB/SB210%20ENR.PDF)
- <sup>x</sup> Okla. Stat. tit. 26, §§ 4-101, 4-103; Okla. Const. art. III §1; 71-328 Okla. Op. Att’y Gen. 350 (1971) (“[r]esidency is a place where one’s habitation is fixed without the present purpose of removing therefrom,” and, “[t]he answer is largely determined by the acts and intention of the particular person desiring to vote.”).
- <sup>xi</sup> *See* <https://www.ok.gov/elections/faqs.html>
- <sup>xii</sup> *See* [https://www.ok.gov/elections/Voter\\_Info/Military\\_Overseas\\_Voters/index.html](https://www.ok.gov/elections/Voter_Info/Military_Overseas_Voters/index.html).
- <sup>xiii</sup> *See* Okla. Stat. tit. 26, § 14-145; <https://www.fvap.gov/vao/vag/chapter2/oklahoma>.
- <sup>xiv</sup> *See* Okla. Stat. tit. 26, § 14-146; <https://www.fvap.gov/vao/vag/chapter2/oklahoma>.
- <sup>xv</sup> Okla. Stat. tit. 26, § 4-101.
- <sup>xvi</sup> Okla. Admin. Code § 230:15-5-3
- <sup>xvii</sup> Okla. Admin. Code § 230:15-5-4.
- <sup>xviii</sup> Okla. Admin. Code § 230:15-5-4.
- <sup>xix</sup> Okla. Stat. tit. 26, § 7-114.
- <sup>xx</sup> Okla. Stat. tit. 26, § 7-116.1.
- <sup>xxi</sup> Okla. Stat. tit. 26, § 7-116.1(C).
- <sup>xxii</sup> Okla. Stat. tit. 26, § 7-116.1(C).
- <sup>xxiii</sup> Okla. Stat. tit. 26, § 4-120.
- <sup>xxiv</sup> Okla. Stat. tit. 26, § 14-115.4.
- <sup>xxv</sup> *See* [https://www.ok.gov/elections/Voter\\_Info/Absentee\\_Voting/index.html](https://www.ok.gov/elections/Voter_Info/Absentee_Voting/index.html)
- <sup>xxvi</sup> *See* [https://www.ok.gov/elections/Voter\\_Info/Absentee\\_Voting/index.html](https://www.ok.gov/elections/Voter_Info/Absentee_Voting/index.html)
- <sup>xxvii</sup> Okla. Stat. tit. 26, § 14-103.
- <sup>xxviii</sup> Okla. Stat. tit. 26, § 14-104.
- <sup>xxix</sup> Okla. Stat. tit. 26, § 14-108.
- <sup>xxx</sup> *See* S.B. 210, [http://webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/cf\\_pdf/2019-20%20ENR/SB/SB210%20ENR.PDF](http://webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/cf_pdf/2019-20%20ENR/SB/SB210%20ENR.PDF)
- <sup>xxxi</sup> *Id.*
- <sup>xxxii</sup> Okla. Stat. tit. 26, § 14-121.
- <sup>xxxiii</sup> Okla. Stat. tit. 26, § 7-115.
- <sup>xxxiv</sup> Okla. Stat. tit. 26, § 14-115.4
- <sup>xxxv</sup> Okla. Stat. tit. 26, § 14-110.1
- <sup>xxxvi</sup> Okla. Stat. tit. 26, § 7-104(A).
- <sup>xxxvii</sup> Okla. Stat. tit. 26, § 7-104(A).
- <sup>xxxviii</sup> This information was obtained through a phone call to the State Board of Elections.
- <sup>xxxix</sup> *See* [https://www.ok.gov/elections/documents/Covid-19\\_polling\\_place\\_protocols.pdf](https://www.ok.gov/elections/documents/Covid-19_polling_place_protocols.pdf)
- <sup>xl</sup> Okla. Stat. tit. 26, § 3-113
- <sup>xli</sup> Okla. Stat. tit. 26, §§ 7-123.1, 7-123.3;  
[https://www.ok.gov/elections/Voter\\_Info/Accessibility\\_for\\_Disabled\\_Voters/](https://www.ok.gov/elections/Voter_Info/Accessibility_for_Disabled_Voters/)
- <sup>xlii</sup> Okla. Stat. tit. 26, § 7-121.

<sup>xliii</sup> Okla. Stat. tit. 26, § 7-123.3; 52 U.S.C. § 10508.

<sup>xliv</sup> Okla. Stat. tit. 26, § 7-108.

<sup>xlv</sup> 52 U.S.C. §10101(b); 18 U.S.C. §594.

<sup>xlvi</sup> See <https://www.aclu.org/know-your-rights/what-do-when-faced-voter-intimidation>.

<sup>xlvii</sup> *Id.*

<sup>xlviii</sup> Okla. Stat. tit. 26, § 7-109. HB No. 1259 [http://webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/cf\\_pdf/2019-20%20COMMITTEE%20AMENDMENTS/House/HB1259%20FULLPCS1%20KYLE%20HILBERT-LRB.PDF](http://webserver1.lsb.state.ok.us/cf_pdf/2019-20%20COMMITTEE%20AMENDMENTS/House/HB1259%20FULLPCS1%20KYLE%20HILBERT-LRB.PDF).

<sup>xlix</sup> See <https://www.ok.gov/elections/faqs.html>.

<sup>1</sup> *Id.*