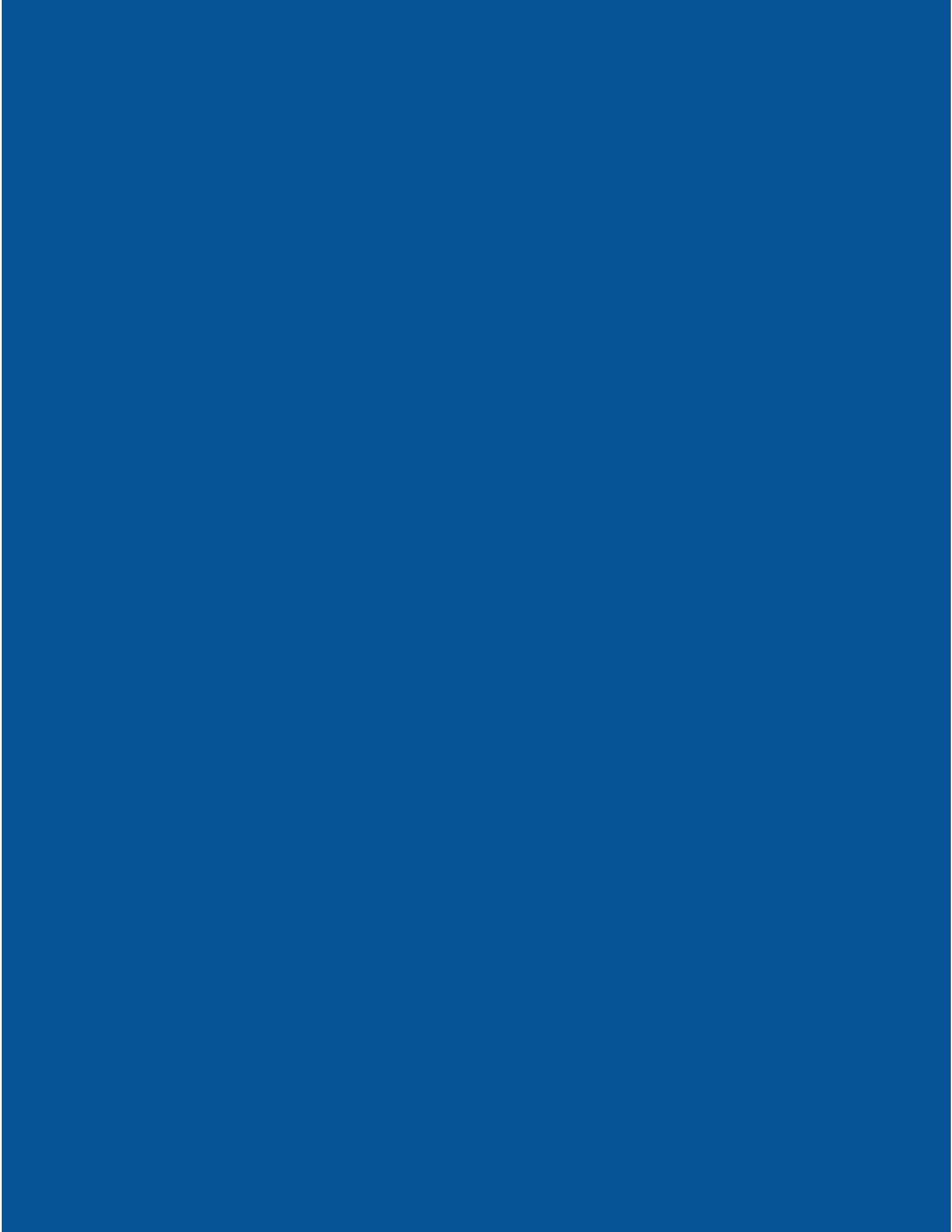


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Voting In Mississippi

Voting Eligibility Requirements

To vote in Mississippi, you must register. To register to vote, you must be a citizen of the United States, be at least 18 years of age (those who are 17 years of age who will be 18 before the next general election may pre-register), have lived in Mississippi for at least 30 days before the election, not convicted of a disenfranchising crime, and not declared mentally incompetent by a court. If you meet these requirements, you can register to vote.

Register to Vote

In order to participate in an election, a qualified voter must be properly registered before the election. The Circuit Clerk office will process the voter registration application and any by-mail voter registration form that has been postmarked at least thirty (30) days before the election.

To avoid any possible delays in counting your vote in the election, update and check your registration information.

Voter ID Requirements

Photo ID is required in order to vote. Expired photo IDs are acceptable as long as they are not more than 10 years old. Acceptable forms of ID are:

- A driver's license
- Photo ID card issued by a branch, department or entity of the State of Mississippi
- US passport
- Government employee ID card
- Firearms license
- Student photo ID issued by an accredited Mississippi university, college or community/junior college
- US military ID
- Tribal photo ID
- Any other photo ID issued by any branch, department, agency or entity of the US government or any state government
- Mississippi Voter ID Card

If you do not have any of these forms of ID, you can obtain a Mississippi Voter ID Card at no cost. You can apply for a Mississippi Voter ID card at any Circuit Clerk's office during normal business hours.

Absentee Ballot Process

Mississippi does not have regular early voting, but voters who qualify for absentee voting may vote absentee in person at their local Circuit Clerk office before Election Day.

Absentee voting is available if you meet any of the criteria below. The last day to request an absentee ballot is five days before the election. You can return your absentee ballot request form through the mail or in person. Absentee ballots must be postmarked by Election Day and received up to five days after the election in order to be counted. Contact your local elections office for more information.

You are eligible to vote absentee if you are a qualified and registered voter who will be absent from your county of residence on Election Day, or are:

- A disabled war veteran who is a patient in any hospital and a citizen of Mississippi
- A citizen of Mississippi temporarily residing outside the territorial limits of the United States and the District of Columbia
- An employee engaged in interstate transportation
- A student, teacher or administrator
- An employee engaged in offshore employment, or as an employee on a vessel or other watercraft
- An employee, businessperson, professional, tradesman or worker required to be over 50 miles away from the county of residence on election day due to employment
- A person with a temporary or permanent physical disability
- 65 years of age or older
- A parent, spouse or dependent of a person with a temporary or permanent disability hospitalized more than 50 miles from home county and with such person on Election Day
- A member of a congressional delegation

Please check with your voter registrar to determine if you are entitled to vote absentee and to learn the procedures for doing so.

Those who requested an absentee ballot but end up voting in person:

You may only do so by a provisional ballot. Do not mail a ballot and vote in person.

U.S. military personnel and overseas citizens can find information on how to register to vote and request an absentee ballot at the Overseas Vote Foundation.



If You Have a Felony Conviction

Today, there are 23 crimes that disenfranchise Mississippi residents from voting. In 2005, the Mississippi Attorney General added 11 new disenfranchising crimes.

If you have been convicted in Mississippi for a disenfranchising crime, you cannot vote. The disenfranchising crimes are:

- Voter Fraud
- Murder
- Rape
- Bribery
- Theft
- Carjacking
- Arson
- Obtaining money or goods under false pretense
- Perjury
- Forgery
- Embezzlement
- Bigamy
- Armed Robbery
- Extortion
- Larceny
- Felony Bad Check
- Felony Shoplifting
- Receiving Stolen Goods
- Robbery
- Timber Larceny
- Unlawful taking of motor vehicle
- Statutory Rape
- Larceny under lease or rental agreement

However, if a voter has been convicted of a similar offense in another state or a federal felony, they can still vote in Mississippi.

If a voter is in jail awaiting trial and not convicted of a felony, they can vote. They may request an absentee ballot. If a voter in jail is not convicted of one of the above crimes, they may vote by absentee ballot.

MISSISSIPPI RIGHTS RESTORATION PROCESS

Persons seeking to regain the right to vote can attempt to do so in three different ways: they can apply for a Pardon from the Governor; they can apply for an Executive Order Restoring Civil Rights from the Governor; or they can seek to have the Mississippi State Legislature pass a Bill of Suffrage on their behalf, which must pass with a two-thirds majority. The practice results in few people gaining their rights.

To learn more contact One Voice at info@uniteonevoice.org or call 601-960-9594.



What's On The Ballot

Federal Offices

President and Vice President
Senator (Staggered 6-year term)
Representatives

Supreme Court Offices

Supreme Court Justice
Court of Appeals Judge

State District Offices

Levee Commissioners

County District Offices

Election Commissioners
School Board Members (Staggered terms)

Important Dates

January 29, 2024 — Absentee Ballot Applications Available

February 12, 2024 — Voter Registration Deadline for Primary Election

February 22, 2024 — Voter Registration Deadline Runoff Election Day (if required)

March 12, 2024 — Primary Election

April 2, 2024 — Primary Runoff Election Day (if required)

October 7, 2024 — Voter Registration Deadline

November 5, 2024 — General election

November 26, 2024 — General runoff

Things To Know

1. **Poll Schedule** - On Election Day, each polling place will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. central time. A voter in line by 7:00 p.m. has the right to vote.
2. **Voter ID** - A voter must provide a current and valid form of photo identification at the polling place in order to vote. If the voter DOES NOT HAVE photo identification, he or she may cast a provisional Affidavit Ballot on Election Day. Acceptable forms of ID include: Mississippi Driver's License; US Passport; Mississippi Voter Identification Card; Photo ID card issued by a Mississippi college; Photo ID card issued by State of Mississippi; Mississippi firearms license, with photo; US Military photo ID card; Photo ID issued by US government or any state government, such as a driver's license issued by a state other than Mississippi; Photo employee ID card issued by US Government; and Tribal photo ID card.
3. **Accessibility** - Every qualified elector is entitled to vote in Mississippi regardless of disability. A physically disabled voter may vote at a polling place through "curbside voting." Additionally, there should be voting equipment at every polling place to accommodate voters with disabilities, including non-visual accessibility for the blind and visually impaired.
4. **Assistance at the polls** - Any voter, regardless of whether he or she is able to read, write or speak English or is blind or otherwise physically disabled, has the right to receive help voting from a 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.
5. **If a voter has moved** - If a registered voter has moved to a different precinct in the same county prior to the election, he or she can vote at the polling place of his or her new residence using a provisional Affidavit Ballot. If a registered voter has moved to a different county, he or she can vote in the county and precinct in which they formerly resided if the move occurred within 30 days of Election Day and can then only vote for President.
6. **Mistake ballot** - If a voter makes a mistake or "spoils" his or her ballot, and has not yet cast the ballot, the voter has the right to a replacement ballot after returning the spoiled ballot.
7. **Polling place boundary** - Voters have the right to wait to vote (or to vote) without anyone electioneering or trying to influence their vote in any other way within 150 feet of the entrance of the building in which the polls are located.
8. **Provisional Affidavit Ballots** - A voter who does not have an acceptable form of identification can cast a provisional ballot (known as an affidavit ballot in Mississippi). For the ballot to be counted, the voter must show proper ID or apply for a Mississippi Voter ID Card at the circuit clerk's office within five business days. Provisional Ballots are counted 5 business days after the election. However, a provisional Affidavit Ballot should only be cast as a last resort

GET INVOLVED TODAY!

For more information, contact One Voice at 601-960-9594 or onevoicems.org/voting-rights-2.

Volunteers are recruited year-round for the following roles:

- ✓ Call Center Volunteer
- ✓ Data Entry Volunteer
- ✓ Poll Monitor Volunteer
(non-partisan)
- ✓ Precinct Runner Volunteer
- ✓ Attorney Volunteer

