Who can register
Any U.S. citizen who is a resident of Missouri may register to vote when at least 17 ½ years old and may vote when at least 18 years old. Identification is needed to register and vote in Missouri.

You must register to vote at your current address. Registration is permanent as long as you vote, report name and address changes, and re-register if you move to a new voting jurisdiction.

Be an informed voter!
The right to vote brings with it the responsibility to learn about the candidates and the issues.
- Attend candidate meetings and forums
- Read newspapers and news magazines
- Study the League Voters Guide on vote411.org
- Contact campaign and party offices & websites
- Consult issue-related interest groups
- Call the League of Women Voters

When and where to register
In order to vote, you must register in the county where you reside.

You may register anytime during regular office hours at any registration location.

You must be registered by the 4th Wednesday before an election.

You may register at election authorities, most libraries, city halls, state offices and many schools.

You may register online or by mail. Go to the Missouri Secretary of State Website:
https://www.sos.mo.gov/
EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE!

WHY VOTE?
The right to vote remains the most valued privilege in our country. Voting is our way of expressing satisfaction or dissatisfaction with public officials and issues.

VOTING INFORMATION
Polling places are open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on election days. Prior to the day of election, you may request time off from your employer to vote if you do not have a 3-hour period between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. in which to vote.

VOTER IDENTIFICATION
Voters are required to provide ID at the polling place. Acceptable IDs are: a current MO driver’s license, state-issued ID for non-drivers, U.S. passport, military ID, voter registration card, ID from a university, college, vocational, or technical school located in MO; utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or another government document showing your name and address. If you do not have any of the above and are a registered voter, you may still vote a provisional ballot. If you return to the polling place with ID or if your signature matches the signature in the voter registry, your vote will count.

VOTERS AND PETITIONS
As a registered voter, you will be invited to sign petitions. Petitions are a way citizens can place issues for or against. Petitions are a way citizens can place issues for or against.

HOW TO VOTE IN THE MILITARY
Persons serving in the military and their dependents may register to vote by obtaining Federal Form 76 from their Commanding Officer. This form also serves as a request for an absentee ballot. Mail Form 76 to the Board of Elections or County Clerk for the place of residence from which you want to vote. For more information on this process, and non-partisan voting information, contact the Unit Voting Assistant Officer.

VOTING WITH A CRIMINAL RECORD
If convicted of a misdemeanor, the right to vote is lost only while incarcerated. People convicted of a felony lose their eligibility to vote while incarcerated and while on probation and parole. That right is restored once the person is off state supervision. Those in jail awaiting trial may vote absentee. Those with a Suspended Imposition of Sentence never lose their voting rights. Unless pardoned, anyone convicted of a crime involving voting rights permanently loses the right to vote.

TIPS FOR VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES
Accommodations are available for voters who are unable to stand in line or read or mark their ballots. Many polling places are accessible. A ballot can be brought outside the polling place for “Curbside Voting.” Voters may bring a person of their choice to assist them in casting a ballot or may request assistance from a pair of poll workers. Disabled voters may request an absentee ballot for a single election or on a permanent basis. Those on the permanently disabled voter list are sent an absentee ballot application before each election and do not need to have their ballots notarized.

YOU MAY VOTE ABSENTEE IF:
★ You will be out of town or away at college
★ You are ill or have a disability
★ You will be serving as an election judge
★ You are on active duty with the military
★ You are prevented by religious beliefs from going to the polls on election day
★ You are incarcerated, providing that all qualifications for voting are retained

HOW TO VOTE ABSENTEE IN PERSON
Go to the Board of Elections or County Clerk’s office during regular hours as early as 42 days before the scheduled election. Some offices have extended hours or are open on Saturdays prior to the election. Be sure to check with your election authority for more specific information.

HOW TO VOTE ABSENTEE BY MAIL
You may go to the Secretary of State or your local election authority’s website, download and print an absentee ballot request form to mail. You may also write to the board of elections or County Clerk’s office and request a ballot. You must include the following information in your written request for every household member requesting an absentee ballot.

1. Your name(s) as you are registered to vote
2. The address where you are registered
3. The address where you want the ballot(s) sent
4. The date of elections for which you are requesting the ballot(s)
5. The reason you need to vote absentee
6. If it is a primary election, you must state which party ballot(s) you want
7. The last 4 digits of your social security number(s)
8. Your birthdate(s)
9. Your signature(s)
10. If you are a first-time voter, include a copy of your driver’s license or other ID.

NOTE: A close relative may apply in person on your behalf at the Board of Elections or County Clerk’s office to request a ballot be sent to you.

ABSENTEE VOTING DEADLINES
★ 5 p.m. the day before the election to vote on an absentee ballot in person.
★ 5 p.m. the Wednesday before an election to request an absentee ballot. Requests may be made as early as 70 days before an election.
★ Return the completed and notarized ballot by mail or in person to the election authority before 7 p.m. on election day.

NOTARIZING BALLOT SIGNATURES
Absentee ballots submitted by mail must be notarized, except for the following voters:
★ Active-duty military personnel and close family members living with them.
★ Missouri citizens living outside the U.S.
★ Voters on the Permanently Disabled Absentee List.
★ Voters hospitalized after the Wednesday prior to the election may call their election authority for an absentee ballot or to make special arrangements.

CHANGE OF NAME OR ADDRESS
If you remain within the same voting jurisdiction, an address or name change can be made after you’ve moved by sending a letter to the election authority indicating the old address (or name) and the new address (or name). An updated registration card and mailed to your new address. You can also update your name and address at the polls on Election Day. If you move to a new county, you must submit a new registration there prior to the deadline. Some jurisdictions allow changes to be made on the back of the voter ID card and mailed to the election authority. A person who moves to Missouri after the close of registration may still vote in federal elections.

Before signing a petition, make sure you understand the subject of the petition. Do you want the public to vote on this issue? Do you not have to sign a petition.