

## **Voter Registration: What to know if you live in Arizona Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Eligibility to Vote:**

- Must be a United States Citizen
- Must be a resident of Arizona for 29 days preceding the next election
- Must be at least 18 years of age or more before the day of the next regular General Election
- Must not have been adjudicated incompetent
- Registration deadline is also 29 days prior to the next election

### **Ex-Offender Requirements:**

- One felony: may vote when rights are restored after completion of entire sentence including prison, parole, probation, and payments of legal financial obligation
- Two+ felonies disallows a person from the right to vote in Arizona, unless a petition is submitted allowing civil rights to be restored by the courts

### **Tips for People who are Homeless, Transient, or Displaced:**

A fixed address is NOT required to vote in Arizona, but a voter must be placed in a voting precinct and can be done by:

- Satisfy general voting eligibility
- May list residence as street corner, park or shelter when completing registration form
- Mailing Address requirements in Arizona can be satisfied by providing a shelter address, PO Box, county clerk or courthouse addresses (201 W Jefferson, Phoenix, AZ 85003).
- *It is critical to keep your address current in order to retrieve voter ID cards, early mail-in ballots, election information, and to keep your registration active*

### **Victims and Survivors of Domestic Violence:**

- If you are a victim of domestic violence or stalking, and you have an order of protection or injunction against harassment, you have the right to request your personal information be restricted and unavailable by public records request from the County Recorder, Assessor, Motor Vehicle Division and/or Treasurer. Individuals who meet the above criteria may file an affidavit with the presiding judge of the superior court where the person resides. The judge will make a determination based on the information provided in the affidavit. If granted, the judge will order the sealing of the survivor's voter registration and record for five years.
- If you are a participant enrolled in the Address Confidentiality Program through the Secretary of State, you may register to vote through a designated protected voter process. Your address will remain protected and the Secretary of State's office will receive your election documents and safely forward them to your protected address
- If someone registering to vote says they are a part of the Address Confidentiality Program do **NOT** register them to vote. They may already be registered and by registering them you may compromise their confidentiality. Have them contact the Address Confidentiality Program to register to vote at: 602-542-1653
- Note: The Address Confidentiality Program is a special program through the Secretary of State's office that protects survivors of domestic violence, sexual offenses, and stalking to maintain a

confidential address. There are specific criteria and an application process that must be met before a person can be enrolled into this program. This program is not the same as having your address redacted if you are a peace officer, prosecutor, or other person or profession that requests having your address protected.

For more information on the ACP program please visit, <http://www.azsos.gov/Info/acp/>, email [ACPINFO@AZSOS.GOV](mailto:ACPINFO@AZSOS.GOV) or call 602-542-1653 or 1-800-458-5842

### **SAFETY PLAN survivors of domestic violence for voting at the polls**

- If you have a protected address, you are encouraged to vote early.
- When a protected voter arrives in person at a polling place, they will be asked to use a provisional ballot. Additionally, expect LONG lines at the polls at certain times of day. Try to avoid peak traffic hours.

- If you and your abuser are registered in the same precinct, consider taking someone with you.
- To speak with a victim advocate about safety planning, call the Arizona Coalition against

Domestic Violence's Legal Advocacy Hotline at 602-279-2900.

### **Voters with Disabilities: Help at the polling place.**

- The Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) is civil rights legislation to ensure voters are treated equally across the United States of America. Requirements of HAVA consist of providing accessible voting devices and assistance for the individuals with disabilities at all polling sites in Arizona. Federal law says that polling places must be accessible to persons with disabilities. But if you want to be sure you can vote on Election Day, it's best to plan ahead. Call the election office in your city or county and tell them where you live and that you have a disability and you need an accessible voting place
- Alternative formats are available in many counties; Maricopa has Braille, Large Print and Audio Information. Ballots are only in Braille and Large Print; audio is available if you vote on the DRE at an early voting site or at the polls on Election Day.
- For individuals who are not able to leave their homes, Special Election Boards are available to assist in voting. Please contact your county recorder or elections department (see below) during the early voting request period which ends 11 days before election day—the same as the last day to request a ballot by mail
- You **can** bring someone with you to assist or have a bipartisan team of 2 poll workers help cast your ballot if this assistance is needed

### **Language Assistance:**

- Ballot and election information are offered in English and Spanish
- For any other language assistance, please contact your county elections official (see below) for interpretive services

### **Documents for proof of citizenship for first time registrations in any AZ county:**

- This is only required for Arizona state registration forms, not the federal forms.

- An Arizona driver's license number (or copy of the license) or non-operating identification license number (or copy of the identification license) issued after 10/1/1996.
- A legible photocopy of a birth certificate that verifies citizenship and supporting legal documentation (i.e. marriage certificate) if the name on the birth certificate is not the same as your current legal name
- A legible photocopy of pertinent pages of a United States passport identifying the applicant
- Presentation to the County Recorder of United States naturalization documents or fill in your Alien Registration Number
- The applicant's Bureau of Indian Affairs Card Number, Tribal Treaty Card Number, or Tribal Enrollment Number in box 16 on the front of the voter registration form
- A legible photocopy of a driver license or non-operating identification from another state within the United States if the license indicates that the applicant has provided satisfactory proof of citizenship
- A legible photocopy of a Tribal Certificate of Indian Blood or Tribal or Bureau of Indian Affairs Affidavit of Birth.

**Valid Forms of Proof of ID: (REQUIRED at polling locations)**

Every qualified elector is required to show proof of identity at the polling place before receiving a ballot. The elector shall announce his/her name and place of residence or present the elector's name and residence in writing to the election official. The elector shall present acceptable identification that:

1. Bears the name, address, and photograph of the elector (See List 1), or
2. Two different forms of identification that bear the name and address of the elector (See List 2), or
3. One form of acceptable photo identification with one form of non-photo identification that bears the name and address of the elector (See List 3)

However, a voter can vote a provisional ballot that is conditional upon them returning with ID either to the polls, or to an ID verification site post-election if they don't have the appropriate ID when they first go to the polls.

**List 1 - Acceptable forms of identification with photograph, name, and address of the elector**

- Valid Arizona driver license
- Valid Arizona non-operating identification license
- Tribal enrollment card or other form of tribal identification
- Valid United States federal, state, or local government issued identification
- Identification is "valid" unless it can be determined on its face that it has expired.

**List 2 - Acceptable forms of identification without a photograph that bear the name and address of the elector (two required)**

- Utility bill of the elector that is dated within 90 days of the date of the election. A utility bill may be for electric, gas, water, solid waste, sewer, telephone, cellular phone, or cable television
- Bank or credit union statement that is dated within 90 days of the date of the election
- Valid Arizona Vehicle Registration
- Indian census card
- Property tax statement of the elector's residence

- Tribal enrollment card or other form of tribal identification
- Arizona vehicle insurance card
- Recorder's Certificate
- Valid United States federal, state, or local government issued identification, including a voter registration card issued by the County Recorder
- Any mailing to the elector marked "Official Election Material"
- Identification is "valid" unless it can be determined on its face that it has expired.

**List 3** -accompanied by one non-photo identification with name and address

Acceptable forms of identification, one identification with name and photo of the elector

- Any valid photo identification from List 1 in which the address does not reasonably match the precinct register accompanied by a non-photo identification from List 2 in which the address does reasonably match the precinct register
- U.S. Passport without address and one valid item from List 2
- U.S. Military identification without address and one valid item from List 2

**Permanent Early Voting List:**

- In order to be included on the "Permanent Early Voting List", the voter must make a written request specifically asking their name be added to the permanent list. The request must include the voter's name, residence address, and mailing address within the county they reside (if different from the residence address), date of birth and their **signature**. This can also be done by checking the PEVL box on the AZ state voter registration form.
- Once a voter is on this list, for each election the voter qualified, the voter no longer has to request a mailed early ballot. Instead, an early ballot will **automatically** be mailed to the voter approximately 26 days prior to the specified election.
- All early ballots must be received in the office of the County Recorder, other officers in charge of elections, or deposited at any polling place in the county of residence, no later than 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.
- In the August Primary Election, voters that are not registered to one of the recognized parties will need to notify their local Elections Department to advise which party's ballot they want mailed to them. This can be done by returning the postcard 90 days prior to the election, online or by phone

**Voter Protection - Unlawful and Deceptive Practices Regarding Intimidation of Voters:**

Report immediately any of the following voter intimidation and other unlawful practices to the precinct election board. Also contact the Election Protection hotline at 1-866-OUR-VOTE (1- 866-687-8683):

- An election officer knowingly induces a voter, by menace or reward, to vote differently than the voter intended or desired. Source: A.R.S. § 16-1008.
- An election officer opens a folded ballot or otherwise attempts to determine for whom the voter has voted, unless the officer is lawfully assisting the voter. Source: A.R.S. § 16- 1007(1)-(2).
- An employer delivers paychecks to employees in envelopes that contain political mottoes, arguments, or threats in an attempt to influence the employee's vote. Source: A.R.S. § 16-1012(A)(1).
- Within ninety (90) days of an election, an employer posts notices in the workplace that are designed to influence an employee's vote by threatening his or her pay or job security. Source: A.R.S. § 16-1012(A)(1).

- Link to Nonprofit Vote's Election Protection 2012: [www.nonprofitvote.org/.../nonprofits-and-election-protection-july-26th-2012-pdf.html](http://www.nonprofitvote.org/.../nonprofits-and-election-protection-july-26th-2012-pdf.html)

### **General Tips for All Voters:**

- To find your polling location, please contact your county elections office at 602-506- 1511 or check <https://voter.azsos.gov>.
- ***Ensure that you vote at the correct polling place, if not, your ballot is not counted!***
- To find your legislative or congressional district, please visit <http://az.gov/app/govinfo/> or <http://azredistricting.org/districtlocator/>
- It is critical to keep your address current in order to receive voter ID cards, early mail-in ballots, election information, as well as keep your registration active
- For individuals who are not able to leave their homes, Special Election Boards are available to assist in voting. Please contact your county recorder or elections department (see below) during the early voting request period which ends 11 days before election day—the same as the last day to request a ballot by mail
- Voting early by mail is EASY! And much more simple than waiting in line and filling out a provisional ballot at your polling location
- Voters are encouraged to review their sample ballot carefully which will contain their polling location and other important information. It is also helpful to fill out the sample ballot prior to going to the polls on Election Day; they are mailed out 11 days prior.