

2020 Presidential Elections
Primary — April 28, 2020
General — November 3, 2020

PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT OF US:

This is a four year term. There is a two term limit.

House of Representatives:

This is a two year term. All of Washington County is located in the 6th Congressional District. There is no limit to number of terms.

JUDGES OF THE COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS:

(if applicable)

JUDGES OF THE COURT OF APPEALS:

(if applicable)

SCHOOL BOARD

There will be four vacancies on the seven member school board. Their terms are for four years and board seats are staggered each election.

DELEGATES TO THE PARTY CONVENTIONS:

Delegates to the Democratic Convention

Delegates to the Republican Convention

CITY RESIDENTS ONLY:

***MAYOR – CITY OF HAGERSTOWN**

City of Hagerstown Elections will be on the ballot. Their terms are for four years. There is no limit to the number of terms.

***COUNCIL – CITY OF HAGERSTOWN:**

City of Hagerstown Elections will be on the ballot. There are five seats. Their terms are for four years. There is no limit to the number of terms.

City of Hagerstown Primary Election will be non-partisan.

By learning as much as possible about all the candidates competing for offices in these elections, you will have a sound basis for making choices on Election Day.

2019-2020 Municipal

Boonsboro City Election

If you reside within the town of Boonsboro and will be 18 years of age by the General Election, you may register and vote in this year's election.

General

May 12, 2020

Funkstown City Election

If you reside within the town of Funkstown and will be 18 years of age by the General Election, you may register and vote in this year's election.

General

May 04, 2020

Keedysville City Election

If you reside within the town of Keedysville and will be 18 years of age by the General Election, you may register and vote in this year's election.

General

May 02, 2020

Sharpsburg City Elections

If you reside within the town of Sharpsburg and will be 18 years of age by the General Election, you may register and vote in this year's election.

General

November 17, 2020

Smithsburg City Elections

If you reside within the town of Smithsburg and will be 18 years of age by the General Election, you may register and vote in this year's elections.

General

May 12, 2020

Hancock City Election 2019

If you reside within the town of Hancock and will be 18 years of age by the General Election, you may register and vote in this year's election.

General

January 25, 2021

Williamsport City Elections 2019

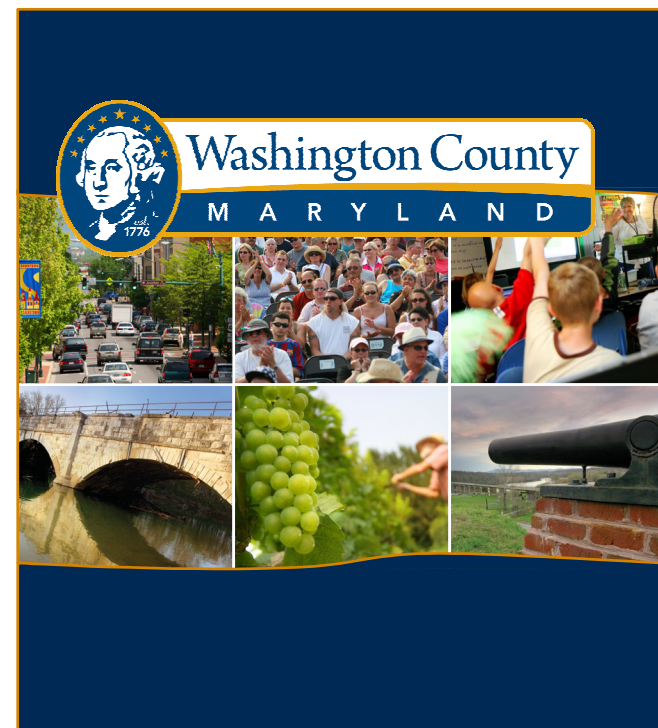
If you reside within the town of Williamsport and will be 18 years of age by the General Election, you may register and vote in this year's election.

General

March 01, 2021

ATTENTION 16 YEAR OLDS

If you are technically inclined, interested in working the polls on Election Day, and a registered voter, contact the Washington County Board of Elections. We were delighted to have several high school students work as election judges during previous elections. Several of our students earned their Student Learning Hours while serving as an election judge. We received many positive comments and we look forward to utilizing more high school students for the 2020 Elections. We require written consent from parents. Encourage your family and friends to call us for information on working at the polls on Election Day. There is payment for working the polls. Call the Election Board office for details.



Guide for First Time Voters 2019-2020

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Who May Register To Vote

To register, you must:

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be a Maryland resident
- Be at least 16 years old*
- Not be under guardianship for mental disability or if you are, you have not been found by a court to be unable to communicate a desire to vote
- Not have been convicted of buying or selling votes
- Not have been convicted of a felony, or if you have, you have completed serving a court-ordered sentence of imprisonment

*You may register to vote if you are at least 16 years old but cannot vote unless you will be at least 18 years old by the next general election

You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus or convention.

When May I Register?

Anytime except when the books are closed. The books close 21 days prior to any election, and reopen 11 days after every election.

How To Register

- By mail, online or in person at the Board of Elections or call for an application.
- Pick up an application at any post office, school, State agency, or Motor Vehicle Administration when you apply for a driver's license, picture ID, change your address, or change your name on your driver's license.
- First time voter registration applicants in Maryland must provide their current Maryland driver's license or state ID number; if they do not have a driver's license, then and only then the last four digits of their social security number for verification of identity.
- An application may be downloaded from the state website at www.elections.state.md.us. Mail the complete form to the Board of Elections.

How Can I Be Sure That I Am Registered To Vote?

You will receive a Voter Notification Card in the mail about 1 week after applying. This card is your proof of registration. It will show your name, address, party affiliation and polling place. It has a punch out wallet size ID card for convenience.

What Should I Do If I Move Or Change My Name?

You must notify the Election Office of any change at least 21 days before any election. It must include your

signature. Failure to notify us of a change could place you on an inactive list of voters. Failure to vote or change address in the next 2 Federal Elections may result in your name being removed from the voter rolls.

What Must I Do If I Want To Change My Affiliation?

You may change your party affiliation at any time except when the books are closed 21 days before any election. It must be with your signature since no changes are made without your authorization.

Must I Provide Identification?

Yes, Federal Law requires you to provide a current Maryland driver's license number or MVA ID Card number. If you do not have either one, then, and only then, the last four digits of your Social Security Number. Your application will NOT be processed unless you provide this information or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that you do not have a MD driver's license, MVA ID Card, or social security number.

How May I Choose An Affiliation?

Maryland has a closed primary. That means that only voters registered with a major party may vote in that party's primary election. There are two major parties at this time in Maryland. You may decline to affiliate. If you decline, you may still vote in the Board of Education primary if there is one or City of Hagerstown Primary, if you are a city resident. The lack of an affiliation has no bearing on a citizen's vote in a general election.

When And Where Can I Vote?

You can either vote in person during early voting, on Election Day or by absentee ballot. Early voting starts the 2nd Thursday before an election through the Thursday before an election. On Election Day, you can vote at your assigned polling place.

How Can I Vote If I Am Away From Home?

Absentee Voting is accomplished by applying for an absentee ballot and returning it in time to be counted. You must apply for an absentee ballot no later than 7 days before an election for the ballot to be mailed to you. You may request a ballot for both elections on the same application. In order to have timely receipt of your ballot, you should request one about 2 months before an election; you can also request a ballot online. To make the request you must have a MD driver's license or MVA-issued ID card. Once received, go to www.elections.maryland.gov and enter the requested information.

What If I Have An Emergency During Those Seven Days?

If you wish, you may use an agent to return your absentee ballot application and pick up your absentee ballot. You will decide whether you will mail your voted ballot to the Election Board or if your agent will return your voted ballot to the Election Board. An agent must be at least 18 years old and not be a candidate on the ballot. The agent process can be used any time throughout the absentee voting period.

I Plan On Entering The Military Or Have Plans To Go Overseas, How Do I Vote By Absentee Ballot?

You must obtain a FPCA (Federal Post Card Application) to request an absentee ballot and mail or fax it to our office. The forms may be obtained from a US Embassy, Consulate Office, your Military Unit Voting Assistance Officer or on-line at www.fvap.gov. The FPCA deadline is 7 days before the election. However, waiting too long may make it impossible for you to receive your ballot and return it in time to be counted. If you use an FPCA to register for the first time you cannot fax it, we need the original form. You would need to mail it early. You may request a ballot online. To make the request you must have a MD driver's license or MVA-issued ID card. If you have one, go to www.elections.maryland.gov and enter the requested information

2020 Presidential Election Calendar

Last day to register for the Primary Election and change party affiliation April 7, 2020

Early Voting - Primary Election April 16 - 23, 2020 (including Sunday)

Last day to apply for Absentee Ballot for it to be mailed to the Voter April 21, 2020

Presidential Primary April 28, 2020

Last day to register for the General Election and change party affiliation October 13, 2020

Early Voting - General Election October 22 - 29, 2020 (including Sunday)

Last day to apply for Absentee Ballot for it to be mailed to the Voter October 27, 2020

Presidential General November 3, 2020

Call the Election Board office with any questions regarding State deadlines.