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*Via certified mail and email*

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Dear Ms. Lamone and Ms. Wagner,

Campaign Legal Center writes to inform you that the state-specific instructions to the National Voter Registration Form (“Federal Form”) inaccurately advise people with felony convictions of the eligibility requirements for voting in Maryland. In 2016, Maryland changed its law to automatically restore the voting rights of people with felony convictions after completion of their term of imprisonment. However, the Election Assistance Commission (“EAC”) has not updated the Federal Form to reflect these requirements. Instead, the Federal Form’s state-specific instructions for Maryland still reflect the pre-2016 law, stating that felons must have completed probation and parole before they may register and vote. We urge you to immediately notify the EAC of the new eligibility requirements under the 2016 law and insist upon an immediate update to the Federal Form’s instructions.

**I. Maryland’s Felony Disenfranchisement Law and the State and Federal Forms**

Prior to 2016, Maryland disenfranchised people with felony convictions until completion of parole and probation. However, in 2016, Maryland changed its felony disenfranchisement law. Maryland passed SB 340, which provides for the automatic restoration of voting rights after an individual completes her sentence of

imprisonment for a felony conviction. Md. Code Ann., Elec. Law § 3-102(b) (“An individual is not qualified to be a registered voter if the individual: . . . has been convicted of a felony and is currently serving a court-ordered sentence of imprisonment for the conviction . . .”).

Maryland has accurately updated the Maryland Voter Registration Application (“State Form”) to reflect this change. It states that in order to register, citizens must: “Not have been convicted of a felony, or if [they] have, [they must] have completed serving a court-ordered sentence of imprisonment.” Md. Sec. of State, Maryland Voter Registration Application, [http://elections.state.md.us/voter\\_registration/documents/English\\_Internet\\_VRA.pdf](http://elections.state.md.us/voter_registration/documents/English_Internet_VRA.pdf) (enclosed).<sup>1</sup> However, the state-specific instructions to the Federal Form have not been similarly updated. The Federal Form’s state-specific instructions for Maryland inform applicants that they may “not have been convicted of a felony, or if [they] have, [they must] have completed serving a court ordered sentence of imprisonment, including any term of parole or probation for the conviction” in order to vote. Election Assistance Commission, National Mail-In Voter Registration Form, <http://www.eac.gov/voters/national-mail-voter-registration-form/> (enclosed). These instructions do not accurately reflect current Maryland law as amended in 2016 and mislead voters about their eligibility.

## **II. Potential Violations of the National Voter Registration Act & United States Constitution**

Under the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (“NVRA”), each state is required to “inform applicants . . . of voter eligibility requirements,” whether they apply via the Federal Form, a state mail-in form, the department of motor vehicles, or any other NVRA agency. 52 U.S.C. § 20507(a)(5). Under the NVRA, the Federal Form must accurately “specif[y] each eligibility requirement” for applicants. 52 U.S.C. § 20508(b)(2)(A). This requirement governs the Federal Form as well as any state-issued mail-in voter registration form used to register voters for federal elections. 52 U.S.C. § 20505(a)(2). To ensure the Federal Form’s accuracy, a state’s chief election official must notify the EAC of any changes in the state’s voter eligibility requirements within 30 days. 11 C.F.R. § 9428.6. As discussed above, the Federal Form contains information that is inconsistent with Maryland law. If your office has not updated the EAC regarding the change in eligibility requirements pursuant to the 2016 law, your office is required to do so immediately.

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<sup>1</sup> We also note that while the State Form is accurate, it could and should be drafted to be more accessible to a layperson and ensure that people with past convictions are not dissuaded from registering to vote. For example, the State Form could state that in order to register: “Applicants must not be currently serving a court-ordered sentence of imprisonment for a felony. Applicants with past felony convictions who have completed their prison sentences are eligible to vote even if still on parole or probation.”

The outdated Maryland instructions on the Federal Form have serious consequences for eligible Maryland citizens who are informed inaccurately that they are ineligible to register and vote. The Federal Form's current language thus poses an unnecessary and undue burden on the right to vote for those with felony convictions in Maryland who are eligible to vote under state law. The burden is undue because this misstatement of law serves no valid government interest; it is severe because the instructions directly inform eligible voters that they cannot register to vote; and it is discriminatory because it harms a specific group of already vulnerable eligible voters. *See Burdick v. Takushi*, 504 U.S. 428, 434 (1992) (holding that burdens on the right to vote must be weighed against "the precise interest put forward by the State," that "'severe' restrictions . . . must be 'narrowly drawn to advance a state interest of compelling importance,'" and that the state's regulatory interest is only "generally sufficient to justify" other lesser "reasonable, nondiscriminatory restrictions").

### III. Conclusion

If the Board did not update the EAC regarding the 2016 change in eligibility requirements, please do so immediately and inform us of this action. If the Board did notify the EAC of this change and the EAC has failed to update its instructions despite your notification, please inform us so that we can address this issue with the EAC directly. Regardless of the source of the errors, we request that the Board immediately notify the EAC of the discrepancy between Maryland's voter eligibility requirements and their description on the Federal Form.

After you have the opportunity to review this letter, please contact us within thirty days to discuss how we can ensure that the Maryland state-specific instructions on the Federal Form comply with lawful requirements and provide accurate information to eligible Maryland voters. Please contact CLC Senior Legal Counsel Danielle Lang at the phone number or email address listed below. Thank you for your attention and cooperation in this matter of utmost importance.

Sincerely,

/s/ Danielle Lang

Danielle Lang\*

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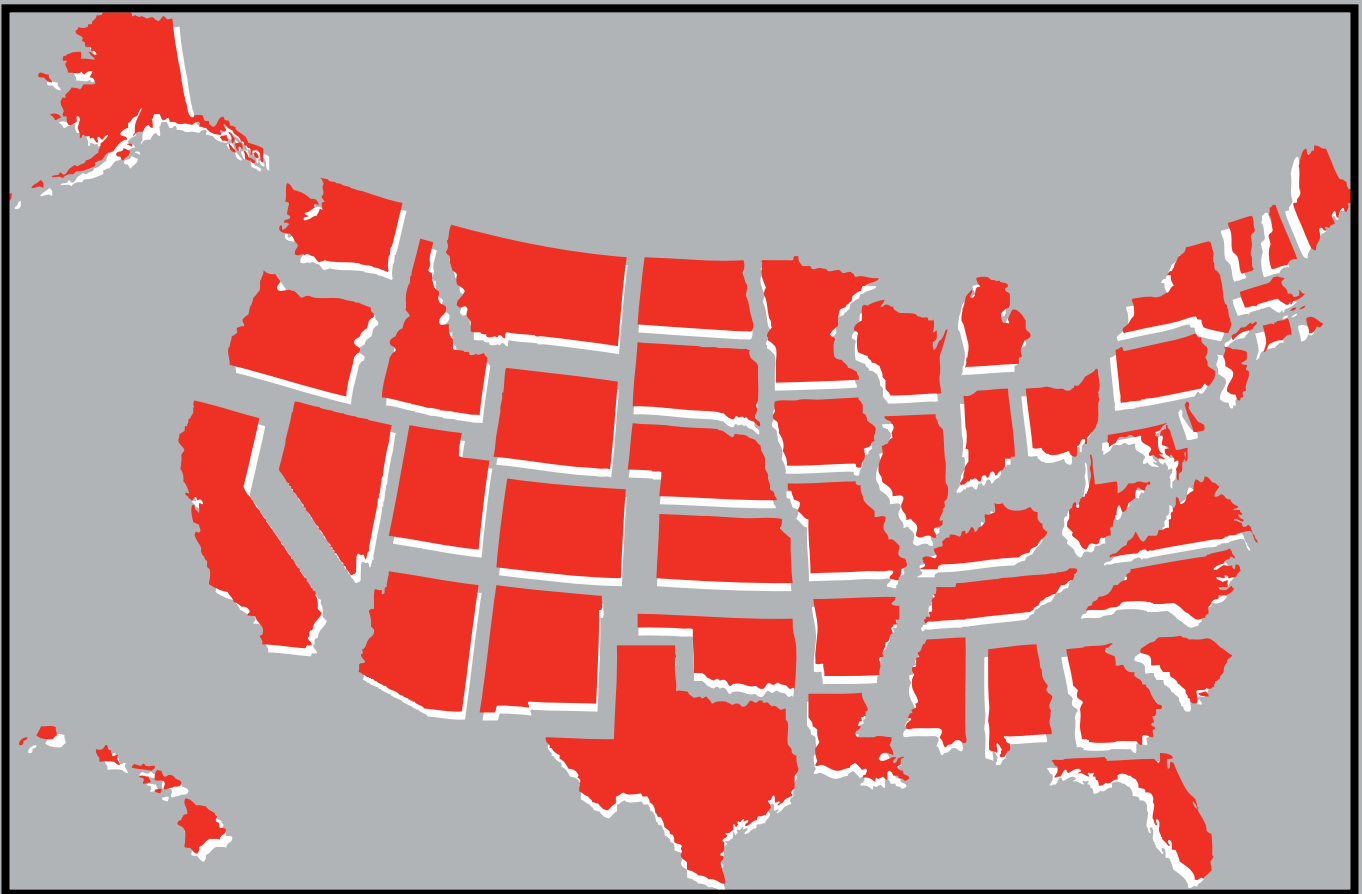
Enclosures:

National Voter Registration Form

Maryland Voter Registration Application

Md. Code Ann., Elec. Law § 3-102

**Register To Vote In Your State  
By Using This  
Postcard Form and Guide**



**For U.S. Citizens**

# General Instructions

## Who Can Use this Application

If you are a U.S. citizen who lives or has an address within the United States, you can use the application in this booklet to:

- Register to vote in your State,
- Report a change of name to your voter registration office,
- Report a change of address to your voter registration office, or
- Register with a political party.

## Exceptions

Please do not use this application if you live outside the United States and its territories and have no home (legal) address in this country, *or* if you are in the military stationed away from home. Use the Federal Postcard Application available to you from military bases, American embassies, or consular offices.

**New Hampshire** town and city clerks will accept this application only as a request for their own absentee voter mail-in registration form.

**North Dakota** does not have voter registration.

**Wyoming** law does not permit mail registration.

## How to Find Out If You Are Eligible to Register to Vote in Your State

Each State has its own laws about who may register and vote. Check the information under your State in the State Instructions. All States require that you be a United States citizen by birth or naturalization to register to vote in federal and State elections. Federal law makes it illegal to falsely claim U.S. citizenship to register to vote in any federal, State, or local election. You **cannot** be registered to vote in more than one place at a time.

## How to Fill Out this Application

Use both the Application Instructions and State Instructions to guide you in filling out the application.

- First, read the Application Instructions. These instructions will give you important information that applies to everyone using this application.
- Next, find your State under the State Instructions. Use these instructions to fill out Boxes 6, 7, and refer to these instructions for information about voter eligibility and any oath required for Box 9.

## When to Register to Vote

Each State has its own deadline for registering to vote. Check the deadline for your State on the last page of this booklet.

## How to Submit Your Application

Mail your application to the address listed under your State in the State Instructions. Or, deliver the application in person to your local voter registration office. The States that are required to accept the national form will accept copies of the application printed from the computer image on regular paper stock, signed by the applicant, and mailed in an envelope with the correct postage.

## First Time Voters Who Register by Mail

If you are registering to vote for the first time in your jurisdiction and are mailing this registration application, Federal law requires you to show proof of identification the first time you vote. Proof of identification includes:

- A current and valid photo identification or
- A current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or government document that shows your name and address.

Voters may be exempt from this requirement if they submit a **COPY** of this identification with their mail in voter registration form. If you wish to submit a **COPY**, please keep the following in mind:

- Your state may have additional identification requirements which may mandate you show identification at the polling place even if you meet the Federal proof of identification.
- Do not submit original documents with this application, only **COPIES**.

## If You Were Given this Application in a State Agency or Public Office

If you have been given this application in a State agency or public office, it is your choice to use the application. If you decide to use this application to register to vote, you can fill it out and leave it with the State agency or public office. The application will be submitted for you. Or, you can take it with you to mail to the address listed under your State in the State Instructions. You also may take it with you to deliver in person to your local voter registration office.

Note: The name and location of the State agency or public office where you received the application will remain confidential. It will not appear on your application. Also, if you decide not to use this application to register to vote, that decision will remain confidential. It will not affect the service you receive from the agency or office.

# Application Instructions

Before filling out the body of the form, please answer the questions on the top of the form as to whether you are a United States citizen and whether you will be 18 years old on or before Election Day. If you answer no to either of these questions, you may not use this form to register to vote. However, state specific instructions may provide additional information on eligibility to register to vote prior to age 18.

## Box 1 — Name

Put in this box your full name in this order — Last, First, Middle. Do not use nicknames or initials.

*Note:* If this application is for a change of name, please tell us in **Box A** (*on the bottom half of the form*) your full name before you changed it.

## Box 2 — Home Address

Put in this box your home address (legal address). Do **not** put your mailing address here if it is different from your home address. Do **not** use a post office box or rural route without a box number. Refer to state-specific instructions for rules regarding use of route numbers.

*Note:* If you were registered before but this is the first time you are registering from the address in Box 2, please tell us in **Box B** (*on the bottom half of the form*) the address where you were registered before. Please give us as much of the address as you can remember.

*Also Note:* If you live in a rural area but do not have a street address, or if you have no address, please show where you live using the map in Box C (*at the bottom of the form*).

## Box 3 — Mailing Address

If you get your mail at an address that is different from the address in Box 2, put your mailing address in this box. If you have no address in Box 2, you **must** write in Box 3 an address where you can be reached by mail.

## Box 4 — Date of Birth

Put in this box your date of birth in this order — Month, Day, Year. *Be careful not to use today's date!*

## Box 5 — Telephone Number

Most States ask for your telephone number in case there are questions about your application. However, you do not have to fill in this box.

## Box 6 — ID Number

Federal law requires that states collect from each registrant an identification number. You must refer to your state's specific instructions for item 6 regarding information on what number is acceptable for your state. If you have neither a drivers license nor a social security number, please indicate this on the form and a number will be assigned to you by your state.

## Box 7 — Choice of Party

In some States, you must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention. To find out if your State requires this, see item 7 in the instructions under your State.

If you want to register with a party, print in the box the full name of the party of your choice.

If you do not want to register with a party, write "no party" or leave the box blank. Do not write in the word "independent" if you mean "no party," because this might be confused with the name of a political party in your State.

*Note:* If you do not register with a party, you can still vote in general elections and nonpartisan (nonparty) primary elections.

## Box 8 — Race or Ethnic Group

A few States ask for your race or ethnic group, in order to administer the Federal Voting Rights Act. To find out if your State asks for this information, see item 8 in the instructions under your State. If so, put in Box 8 the choice that best describes you from the list below:

- American Indian *or* Alaskan Native
- Asian or Pacific Islander
- Black, *not* of Hispanic Origin
- Hispanic
- Multi-racial
- White, *not* of Hispanic Origin
- Other

## Box 9 — Signature

Review the information in item 9 in the instructions under your State. Before you sign or make your mark, make sure that:

- (1) You meet your State's requirements, and
- (2) You understand **all** of Box 9.

Finally, sign your **full** name or make your mark, and print today's date in this order — Month, Day, Year. If the applicant is unable to sign, put in **Box D** the name, address, and telephone number (optional) of the person who helped the applicant.

# Voter Registration Application

**Before completing this form, review the General, Application, and State specific instructions.**

Are you a citizen of the United States of America? Yes No		Will you be 18 years old on or before election day? Yes No		This space for office use only.				
<p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">If you checked "No" in response to either of these questions, do not complete form.</p> <p>(Please see state-specific instructions for rules regarding eligibility to register prior to age 18.)</p>								
<b>1</b>	Mr. Miss Mrs. Ms.	Last Name		First Name		Middle Name(s)		Jr II Sr III IV
<b>2</b>	Home Address			Apt. or Lot #	City/Town		State	Zip Code
<b>3</b>	Address Where You Get Your Mail If Different From Above				City/Town		State	Zip Code
<b>4</b>	Date of Birth		<b>5</b>	Telephone Number (optional)		<b>6</b>		
	Month	Day						
<b>7</b>	Choice of Party <small>(see item 7 in the instructions for your State)</small>		<b>8</b>	Race or Ethnic Group <small>(see item 8 in the instructions for your State)</small>				
<b>9</b>	<p>I have reviewed my state's instructions and I swear/affirm that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ I am a United States citizen</li> <li>■ I meet the eligibility requirements of my state and subscribe to any oath required.</li> <li>■ The information I have provided is true to the best of my knowledge under penalty of perjury. If I have provided false information, I may be fined, imprisoned, or (if not a U.S. citizen) deported from or refused entry to the United States.</li> </ul>				<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 40px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <p style="text-align: center;">Please sign full name (or put mark) ▲</p> <p>Date: <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 20px; vertical-align: middle;"></span></p> <p style="text-align: center; margin-left: 50px;">Month      Day      Year</p>			

If you are registering to vote for the first time: please refer to the application instructions for information on submitting copies of valid identification documents with this form.

## Please fill out the sections below if they apply to you.

If this application is for a **change of name**, what was your name before you changed it?

<b>A</b>	Mr. Miss Mrs. Ms.	Last Name		First Name		Middle Name(s)		Jr II Sr III IV
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If you were **registered before but this is the first time you are registering from the address in Box 2**, what was your address where you were registered before?

<b>B</b>	Street (or route and box number)			Apt. or Lot #	City/Town/County		State	Zip Code
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If you live in a rural area but do not have a street number, or if you have no address, please show on the map where you live.

<b>C</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Write in the names of the crossroads (or streets) nearest to where you live.</li> <li>■ Draw an X to show where you live.</li> <li>■ Use a dot to show any schools, churches, stores, or other landmarks near where you live, and write the name of the landmark.</li> </ul>		<b>NORTH</b> ↑
	<p>Example</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Public School ●</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Route #2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">● Grocery Store</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Woodchuck Road</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">X</p>	

If the applicant is unable to sign, who helped the applicant fill out this application? Give name, address and phone number (phone number optional).

<b>D</b>	
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Mail this application to the address provided for your State.

# State Instructions

## Mailing address:

Secretary of State  
Attention: Voter Registration  
P.O. Box 94125  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9125

## Maine

Updated: 08-14-2012

**Registration Deadline** — Delivered 21 business days before the election (or a voter may register *in-person* up to and including election day).

**6. ID Number.** You must list your valid Maine driver's license number. If you don't have a valid Maine driver's license, then you must provide the last four digits of your Social Security Number. Voters who don't have either of these forms of ID must write "NONE" in this space.

**7. Choice of Party.** You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus, or convention (unless otherwise permitted by a political party).

**8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.

**9. Signature.** To register in Maine you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Maine and the municipality in which you want to vote
- be at least 17 years old (you must be 18 years old to vote)

## Mailing address:

Elections Division  
Bureau of Corporations,  
Elections and Commissions  
101 State House Station  
Augusta, ME 04333-0101

## Maryland

Updated: 06-26-2008

**Registration Deadline** — 9:00 p.m. 21 days before the election.

**6. ID Number.** If you have a current, valid Maryland driver's license or a Motor Vehicle Administration identification card, you must enter the driver's license or identification number. If you do not have a current, valid Maryland driver's license or Motor Vehicle Administration identification card, you must enter at least the last 4 digits of your social security number. However, please note, the disclosure of your full Social Security number is voluntary. The statutory authority allowing election officials to request your full Social Security number is Election Law Article, Section 3-202, Annotated Code of Maryland. The number will be used only for registration and other administrative purposes. It will be kept confidential.

**7. Choice of Party.** You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election.

**8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.

**9. Signature.** To register in Maryland you must:

- be a U.S. citizen
- be a Maryland resident
- be at least 18 years old by the next general election
- not be under guardianship for mental disability
- 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,

including any term of parole or probation for the conviction.

## Mailing address:

State Board of Elections  
P.O. Box 6486  
Annapolis, MD 21401-0486

## Massachusetts

Updated: 03-01-2006

**Registration Deadline** — 20 days before the election.

**6. ID Number.** Federal law requires that you provide your driver's license number to register to vote. If you do not have a current and valid Massachusetts' driver's license then you must provide the last four (4) digits of your social security number. If you have neither, you must write "NONE" in the box and a unique identifying number will be assigned to you.

**7. Choice of Party.** If you do not designate a party of political designation in this box, you will be registered as unenrolled. Unenrolled voters may participate in party primaries. However, an unenrolled voter must enroll in a party on the day of the Presidential Preference Primary in order to participate in that primary.

**8. Race or Ethnic Group.** Leave blank.

**9. Signature.** To register in Massachusetts you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Massachusetts
- be 18 years old on or before the next election
- not have been convicted of corrupt practices in respect to elections
- not be under guardianship with respect to voting



**After This Form Is Filled Out, You Must Sign And Mail It To Your County Board of Elections.  
It Cannot Be Processed If It Is Faxed or E-mailed, Because It Requires An Original Signature.**

# MARYLAND VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION

## 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.

## DEADLINE INFORMATION

- This application must be postmarked no later than 21 days before an election.
- If your application is complete and you are found to be qualified, a Voter Notification Card will be mailed to you.
- The submission of this form to an individual other than an official, employee, or agent of a County Board of Elections does not assure that the form will be submitted or filed in a timely manner.

## YOU CAN USE THIS FORM TO

- Register to vote in federal, state, county, and municipal elections in Maryland.
- Change your name, address, or party affiliation.

## INSTRUCTIONS

- If you do not have a current, valid Maryland driver's license or MVA ID card, you must enter the last 4 digits of your social security number. The statutory authority allowing officials to request the last 4 digits of your social security number is Election Law Article, § 3-202. The number will only be used for registration and other administrative purposes. It will be kept confidential.
- Complete Items 1–11 in Voter Registration Application. Sign and date Item 12. If you are registered to vote in another Maryland county or another state, you must complete Items A–B in Last Voter Registration.
- You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus or convention. Check one box only.
- Address and mail the application to your County Board of Elections, using the list on the back panel.

## VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION PLEASE COMPLETE IN BLACK INK

<b>1</b>	Are you at least 16 years old? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No ARE YOU A U.S. CITIZEN? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <b>If you answer NO to either question, do not complete this form.</b>					
<b>2</b>	Check boxes that apply and complete Items 3–12. <input type="checkbox"/> New Registration <input type="checkbox"/> Name Change <input type="checkbox"/> Party Affiliation Change <input type="checkbox"/> Address Change					
<b>3</b>	Last Name		First Name		Middle	Suffix
<b>4</b>	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		<b>5</b>	Birth Date: _____		
<b>6a</b>	MARYLAND Driver's License or MVA ID Number <b>MANDATORY</b> (If you have neither see instructions)					
<b>6b</b>	Social Security Number (last 4 digits)			<b>6c</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if you do not have either a current, valid Maryland driver's license / MVA ID card or a Social Security Number	
<b>7</b>	Maryland Residence Address:	Street Number	Street Name	Apt. No.	City or Town	Zip Code County
<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if you reside in Baltimore City.						
<b>8</b>	Mailing Address (if different from Item 7)					
<b>9</b>	You must register with a political party if you want to take part in the political party's primary election, caucus, or convention. Check one box only.					
Party (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Democratic Party <input type="checkbox"/> Republican Party <input type="checkbox"/> Libertarian Party <input type="checkbox"/> Green Party						
<input type="checkbox"/> Unaffiliated (independent of any party) <input type="checkbox"/> Other – Specify _____						
<b>10</b>	<b>CONTACT INFORMATION</b>					
Daytime Phone:			Email (optional):			
<b>11</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if you need help voting. <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if you would like to be an election judge.					
Under penalty of perjury, I hereby swear or affirm: I am a U.S. citizen. ■ I am a Maryland resident. ■ I am at least 16 years old. ■ I have not been convicted of buying or selling votes. ■ I have not been convicted of a felony, or if I have, I have completed serving a court-ordered sentence of imprisonment. The information in this application is true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.						
<b>12</b>	Signature (required)			Date		
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60%; height: 30px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 30%; height: 30px;"></div> </div>						

## LAST VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION (if applicable)

<b>A</b>	Name on Last Registration:	Last Name	Title (Jr., Sr., etc.)	First Name	Middle Name	Date of Birth
<b>B</b>	Address on Last Registration:	Street Number	Street Name	Apt. No.	City or Town	Zip Code State

! After This Form Is Filled Out, You Must Sign And Mail It To Your County Board of Elections.  
● It Cannot Be Processed If It Is Faxed or E-mailed, Because It Requires An Original Signature.

# MARYLAND VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION

## WARNING

Giving false information on an application for voter registration is perjury, punishable by imprisonment for up to 10 years, and a violation of the election laws, punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000, or by imprisonment for up to 5 years, or both.

## PERSONAL RECORDS NOTICE/CONFIDENTIALITY

This form collects personal information for voter registration purposes. If you are not registered to vote and you refuse to provide this information, you will not be allowed to vote in Maryland. You may update your voter registration at any time at your County Board of Elections. Except for items specified as confidential, voter registration records are generally available for public inspection; they may also be shared with jury commissioners/clerks or other government agencies as provided by law. The law prohibits use of voter registration records for commercial solicitation purposes. If you decline to register to vote, that fact will remain confidential and will be used only for voter registration purposes.

If you register to vote, the identity of the office at which the application is submitted will remain confidential and will be used only for voter registration purposes.

## QUESTIONS

Visit the State Board of Elections website at [www.elections.maryland.gov](http://www.elections.maryland.gov) to verify your registration, find your polling place, and find out other important information. If you have any questions, call your County Board of Elections or the State Board of Elections at the numbers listed on the back of the application.

If you register to vote, the identity of the office at which the application is submitted will remain confidential and will be used only for voter registration purposes.

! Large type Voter Registration Applications available upon request to your County Board of Elections or the State Board of Elections.

## County Board of Elections

### Allegany County

701 Kelly Road, Suite 213  
Cumberland, MD 21502-2887  
301-777-5931

### Anne Arundel County

P.O. Box 490  
Glen Burnie, MD 21060-0490  
410-222-6600

### Baltimore City

Charles L. Benton Bldg.  
417 E. Fayette Street, Rm. 129  
Baltimore, MD 21202-3432  
410-396-5550

### Baltimore County

P.O. Box 798  
Cockeysville, MD 21030-0798  
410-887-5700

### Calvert County

P.O. Box 798  
Prince Frederick, MD 20678-0798  
410-535-2214  
DC Line 301-855-1376

### Caroline County

Health & Public Services Bldg.  
403 S. Seventh Street, Suite 247  
Denton, MD 21629-1335  
410-479-8145

### Carroll County

300 S. Center Street, Rm. 212  
Westminster, MD 21157-5248  
410-386-2080

### Cecil County

200 Chesapeake Blvd.  
Suite 1900  
Elkton, MD 21921-6395  
410-996-5310

### Charles County

P.O. Box 908  
La Plata, MD 20646-0908  
301-934-8972  
301-870-3167

### Dorchester County

501 Court Lane, Rm. 105  
P.O. Box 414  
Cambridge, MD 21613-0414  
410-228-2560

### Frederick County

340A Montevue Lane  
Frederick, MD 21702-8214  
301-600-VOTE (8683)

### Garrett County

Public Service Center  
2008 Maryland Highway, Suite 1  
Mountain Lake Park, MD  
21550-6349 301-334-6985

### Harford County

133 Industry Lane  
Forest Hill, MD 21050-1621  
410-638-3565

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 **§ 3-102. Qualifications for voter registration**

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MD Code, Election Law, § 3-102  
 Formerly cited as MD CODE Art. 33, § 3-102

## § 3-102. Qualifications for voter registration

## Currentness

**In general**

(a)(1) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, an individual may become registered to vote if the individual:

- (i) is a citizen of the United States;
- (ii) is at least 16 years old;
- (iii) is a resident of the State as of the day the individual seeks to register; and
- (iv) registers pursuant to this title.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1)(ii) of this subsection, an individual under the age of 18 years:

- (i) may vote in a primary election in which candidates are nominated for a general or special election that will occur when the individual is at least 18 years old; and
- (ii) may not vote in any other election.

**Disqualified individuals**

(b) An individual is not qualified to be a registered voter if the individual:

- (1) has been convicted of a felony and is currently serving a court-ordered sentence of imprisonment for the conviction;
- (2) is under guardianship for mental disability and a court of competent jurisdiction has specifically found by clear and convincing evidence that the individual cannot communicate, with or without accommodations, a desire to participate in the voting process; or
- (3) has been convicted of buying or selling votes.

**Credits**

Added as Art. 33, § 3-102, by [Acts 1998, c. 585, § 2, eff. Jan. 1, 1999](#). Transferred to Election Law § 3-102 by [Acts 2002, c. 291, § 2, eff. Jan. 1, 2003](#). Amended by [Acts 2002, c. 291, § 4, eff. Jan. 1, 2003](#); [Acts 2002, c. 304, § 1, eff. Jan. 1, 2003](#); [Acts 2002, c. 305, § 1, eff. Jan. 1, 2003](#); [Acts 2005, c. 572, § 1, eff. Jan. 1, 2006](#); [Acts 2007, c. 159, § 2, eff. July 1, 2007](#); [Acts 2010, c. 203, § 1, eff. June 1, 2010](#); [Acts 2010, c. 204, § 1, eff. June 1, 2010](#); [Acts 2010, c. 270, § 1, eff. June 1, 2010](#); [Acts 2010, c. 271, § 1, eff. June 1, 2010](#); [Acts 2016, c. 6, § 1, eff. March 10, 2016](#); [Acts 2016, c. 287, § 1, eff. July 1, 2016](#).

Formerly Art. 33, § 3-102.

**Editors' Notes**

**LEGISLATIVE NOTES**

Revisor's Note (Acts 2002, c. 291):

This section formerly was Art. 33, § 3-102.

No changes are made.

**Notes of Decisions (19)**

MD Code, Election Law, § 3-102, MD ELEC LAW § 3-102

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