

Change the world in 3 easy steps!

Step 1 Register to vote! Forms are available right here!

Step 2 Return your registration form to _____ or the Summit County Board of Elections (470 Grant Street).

Step 3 Vote!

The Summit County Board of Elections will notify you by mail of your precinct, polling location and the identification requirements for voting.

ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7!

VOTER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

O.R.C. Section 3503.28

You are qualified to register to vote in Ohio if you meet all the following requirements:

1. You are a citizen of the United States.
2. You are at least 18 years old on or before the day of the general election.
3. You will be a resident of Ohio for at least 30 days immediately before the election in which you want to vote.
4. You are not incarcerated (in prison) for a felony conviction under the laws of this state, another state or the United States.
5. You have not been declared incompetent for voting purposes by a probate court.
6. You have not been permanently disfranchised for violations of the election laws.

Deadline

You are eligible to vote in elections held in your voting precinct more than 30 consecutive days after you are properly registered to vote. Your properly completed voter registration form must be postmarked or received by the 30th day before the election in which you wish to vote. In accordance with state law, if the statutory voter registration deadline falls on a day when offices of the Secretary of State and county board of elections are closed, the deadline is extended to the next succeeding business day when the appropriate office is open (i.e., October 10 for November 7, 2006, general election).

VOTER IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

R.C. 3503.28(A)(1)(6)

Voters must bring identification to the polls in order to verify identity.

Identification may include:

1. Current and valid photo identification;
2. Military identification that shows the voter's name and current address; or
3. A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other government document that shows the voter's name and current address.

Voters who do not provide one of these documents will still be able to vote by providing the last four digits of the voter's Social Security number and by casting a provisional ballot.

Voters who do not have any of the above forms of identification, including a Social Security number, will still be able to vote by signing an affirmation swearing to the voter's identity under penalty of election falsification and by casting a provisional ballot.

The above requirement is effective June 1, 2006.

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ABSENTEE VOTING GUIDELINES

You may now vote absentee for any reason!

To apply for an absentee ballot:

Fill out an absentee ballot request form (available soon!), and mail it to the Summit County Board of Elections (470 Grant Street, Akron, 44311).

General Guidelines:

1. The last day for absentee voting is the Monday before the close of business prior to Election Day – Tuesday, November 7.
2. Do not drop your absentee ballot off at your polling location. It will not be counted.
3. All ballots must be received by 7:30 p.m. at the Summit County Board of Elections on Election Day – Tuesday, November 7.
4. The absentee ballot request deadline in the case of medical emergencies is 3 p.m. on Election Day – Tuesday, November 7. You must be confined in a hospital because of a medical emergency. A close relative may deliver and return your ballot if you so request, or representatives of the board of elections can deliver the ballot.
5. Ballots mailed by out-of-country civilians will be counted if received by the board up to 20 days after a presidential primary and 10 days after any other election, if post-marked or signed by Election Day – Tuesday, November 7.
6. Out-of-country armed service absentee ballots must be signed on or before close of polls and received by the board no later than 20 days after a presidential primary and 10 days after any other election.