

# Voting in Texas 101

Are you wondering just how the election is going to work this year? Trying to get #VoteReady and make sure your voice is heard this November? You are not alone! Voting is easy and this year, more than ever, it is important to plan your vote!

## Step 1: Are You Registered?

**Yes?** Not so fast - make sure your registration is up to date!

Head over to <https://www.votetexas.gov/register-to-vote/> to check the status of your registration. Just click the “Are you already registered?” link!

**No?** You’re in the right place! Check out this page to make sure you qualify and get an application: <https://www.votetexas.gov/register-to-vote/index.html> Texas does not accept online-only applications. You’ll need to either [fill in the information](#), print and mail it; or, you can stop by [your county registrar in person](#).

**Not sure?** Check out this page: <https://www.votetexas.gov/register-to-vote/> Just click the “Are you already registered?” link!

**Moved recently/need to update your info?** Easy! If you moved within your county of registration you can change your information by using this website: <https://txapps.texas.gov/tolapp/sos/SOSACManager>

If you moved to a new county, you will need to register with your new county as if you were a new voter.

*Remember, the last day to register is October 5th! Any later than this and you are out of luck.  
Don't wait until the last minute!*

## Step 2: Make your Plan to Vote!

You have options when it comes to how you are going to vote!

Texas has extended **early voting** this year. It is set to begin on October 13<sup>th</sup> and will run through October 30<sup>th</sup>. During the early voting period you can vote at any early voting location in your county. Bring a friend – better yet, bring two!

Want to **vote by mail**? Texas law allows those 65 and over, those with a disability or those who are out of the county for the whole election period to vote by mail. Check this handy page to see if you qualify and steps to request a ballot by mail:

<https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/reqabbm.shtml>

*Remember! The last day to request a ballot by mail (if you qualify) is October 23<sup>rd</sup>.  
Your application must be received on this date, not postmarked!*

If you plan on **voting on election day** make sure you know the date: November 3, 2020! Depending upon your county of residence, you may need to vote in your designated precinct on election day to make sure they have you on the roll. Your precinct is usually listed on your voter registration card but they can sometimes change. Not sure what your precinct is? Consult with your county registrar!

## Step 3: Know what you need to bring!

Almost there! You're registered, you've made your plan to vote and now you are ready to make your voice heard. What do you need to make that happen?

Texas law allows for you to bring one of seven forms of ID with you to vote. If you are voting in person, either early or on election day, [check this list](#) to see what is acceptable.

**That's it! You did it! Thank you for voting and making your voice heard!**

**More questions? Check out this FAQ on voting in Texas!**

<https://www.votetexas.gov/faq/index.html>

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