

Changes to NYS Voting Laws 2019-2020

Voter Registration Changes :

Pre-Registration

Starting January 1, 2020:

16-year olds may pre-register to vote. They will be on 'pending' status until they turn 18. (Presently, 17-year olds can pre-register if they will be 18 by the November Election Day.)

Party Enrollment Changes (has not been signed by the Governor yet)

Voters can change their party registration up to & including 2/14/2020. Changes made after 2/14 will take effect 7 days after the June Primary.

Voter registration transfer

When a registered voter moves to a new county within NYS, their voter registration information will be transferred to the new county, automatically enrolling them as a voter in the new county. (Previously a voter needed to re-register when changing counties). BOE can be notified by DMV, USPS, and Election Boards.

What are all the ways people can currently register?

NY Department of Motor Vehicles (online with a current license), completing a voter registration form, filling out the voter registration portion at the DMV

Voting Changes:

Early Voting

Early Voting will begin 10 days prior & end on & including the 2nd day prior to the primary/general election.

Early Voting Hours - At least 8 hours between 7am & 8pm during the week
2 weekday evenings until 8pm
5 hours between 9am & 6pm on Saturdays & Sundays

EV hours will be designated by May 1st each year and advertised by the Board of Elections.

The BOE will ensure that no one votes more than once.

EV is effective immediately and is first applied on November 5, 2019.

Where does this take place for Mad County residents? This November there will be one early voting site at the Board of Elections office in Wampsville. Next year there will be a second EV site.

Time off to vote

Allows employees up to 3 hours paid time to vote on Election Day.

Changes such as Same Day Registration and No excuse absentee voting would be effective in 2022 at the earliest and are not in place for 2019-2020.

Primaries:

One Primary Day

A primary election shall be held the 4th Tuesday in June. All party committee members & party positions will be elected at such primary. Effective immediately for both parties and for state, local, and federal primaries?

Consistent voting hours

NYS Primaries will be held from 6am to 9pm. Effective 1/1/2020 for any election held after April 30, 2020