

# TEXAS

# PREPARED TO VOTE 2012

## VOTER REGISTRATON

## VOTING ON ELECTION DAY

### IMPORTANT DATES

FIRST DAY TO REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT  
**September 7, 2012**

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF  
VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS  
**October 9, 2012**

EARLY VOTING PERIOD  
**October 23 – November 2, 2012**

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF  
ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS  
**November 6, 2012**



### REGISTRATION FOR PEOPLE WITH A CRIMINAL CONVICTION

*Arrest or Incarceration Prior to Conviction  
Does Not Disqualify You from Voting*

- If you are otherwise eligible, you can vote and/or register to vote while in jail if you are awaiting trial on any charge, or serving time on a misdemeanor conviction (see Early Voting by Mail).
- You can also register to vote if you are not currently serving time or on probation or parole for a felony conviction.
- You may vote once your parole, supervision, or probation period is complete.

### Polling Place Hours

Polling places are open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. If you are in line at the polling place at 7:00 p.m., you can vote.

### Where to Vote

To find your precinct number, visit <http://www.votetexas.gov/where.html>, check your local paper in the days leading up to the election, or call 1.800.252.VOTE to find your precinct number.

### Voter Identification

- If you provided one of the types of identification numbers requested in your voter registration application, you may not be required to present identification at the polls.
- If you did not, you may be requested to provide one of the following forms of identification at the polls:

A driver's license or personal ID card issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety or agency of another state; a form of ID that contains your photograph and establishes your identity; a birth certificate; your U.S. citizenship papers; your U.S. passport; official mail addressed to you by a governmental entity; or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows your name and address.



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# VOTE ELECTION DAY November 6, 2012

## PROBLEM VOTING? Call 1.866.OUR.VOTE

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## EARLY VOTING EITHER BY MAIL OR IN PERSON

You may request an absentee ballot anytime after **September 7, 2012.**

### BY MAIL

You are eligible to vote "absentee" by mail if you will be:

- out of the county during early voting and on Election Day;
- age 65 or older;
- sick or disabled; or
- confined to jail.

### Request an "absentee" ballot.

- Request one from the Secretary of State's Office by calling 1.800.252.VOTE or e-mailing [elections@sos.state.tx.us](mailto:elections@sos.state.tx.us).
- Request one from your county's Voter Registrar office (find yours here: <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/votregduties.shtml>).
- Request one online at <http://w03web.sos.state.tx.us/vrrequest/bbm.asp>

- Download, print, complete, and mail the application (available here <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms/pol-sub/5-15f.pdf>) to your county's Voter Registrar.
- Write your own application for a ballot by mail, containing your signature (or a witness's signature, if you can't sign). Also include your name; the address where you are registered to vote; the address to which the ballot should be mailed; the election date and the election for which you are requesting a ballot (e.g. Nov. 6 Presidential election); and a reason why you are eligible to vote early by mail (for example, you will be out of the county on election day, you are incarcerated but still eligible to vote, etc.).

Your Early Voting Clerk (<http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/county.shtml>) must receive your **application** by **October 30, 2012.**

Your Early Voting Clerk must receive your **ballot** by 7:00pm on **Tuesday, November 6.**

You can mail your ballot as soon as you complete it, so do not wait until the deadline. Late ballots will not be counted.

### IN-PERSON

You do not need a reason to vote early or on Election Day.

Early voting occurs from **October 22-November 2, 2012**, between 8:30am and 6:00pm.

- To find your early voting location and hours, visit <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/current.shtml> or call your County Elections Office at 1.800.252.VOTE
- Bring a driver's license or personal ID issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety, or a similar document issued by an agency of another state (even if expired), any photo ID establishing your identity, a birth certificate,

your U.S. citizenship papers, your U.S. passport, official mail addressed to you by a governmental entity, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows your name and address.

