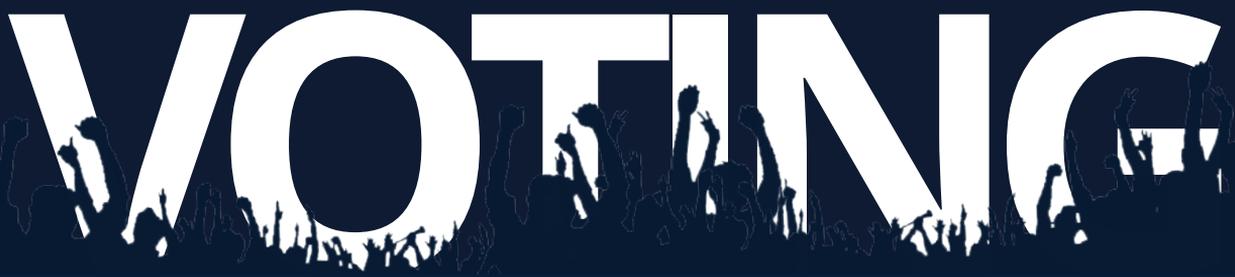
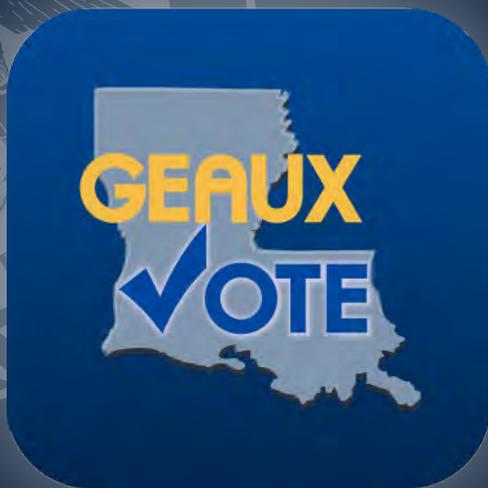


# VOTING

A dark blue background featuring a large crowd of silhouettes with their arms raised in the air, positioned behind the word 'VOTING'.

*in Louisiana*





# LOUISIANA

S E C R E T A R Y O F S T A T E

The Louisiana Secretary of State's Office believes our most important function is fair and honest elections. It is a duty we cherish and one we protect vigorously.

Louisiana has more registered voters than ever before, with approximately 87 percent of eligible voters ready to participate in the election process. Since 2008, our state has steadily increased participation for presidential election cycles and is always focused on recruiting new voters.

Our award-winning GeauxVote Mobile smartphone app was the first-of-its-kind and puts important election information in the palm of your hand. After downloading the app, you can check your registration status, find your precinct, look at your personalized sample ballot and watch election results in real-time on election night.

We take pride in our elections and strive to make voting quick and easy for Louisiana's citizens. This brochure is designed to give you all the information you need about voting in Louisiana—from registering to vote, to voting on Election Day and even becoming an election commissioner. It includes contact information for our partners, the local clerks of court and registrars of voters, so that you can find the answers to all your voting questions.

Knowing your rights, registering to vote, reviewing your ballot, finding your precinct and casting your ballot are personal responsibilities we as citizens must not take for granted. Please participate in each and every election and let your voice be heard.

Geaux Vote Louisiana!

# REGISTER TO VOTE

Online  
voter  
registration  
is available 24 hours  
a day, seven days  
a week at  
[www.GeauxVote.com](http://www.GeauxVote.com).

*(deadline is 20 days before an election  
when using the online application)*

## TO REGISTER AND VOTE IN LOUISIANA YOU MUST:

- be a U.S. citizen;
- be at least 16 years old, but must be 18 years old prior to the next election to be eligible to vote;
- reside in the parish in which you seek to register and vote;
- not be under an order of imprisonment for conviction of a felony for at least five years; and
- not be under a judgment of full interdiction for mental incompetence or partial interdiction with suspension of voting rights.

You may register in person at your parish Registrar of Voters Office, when you renew your driver's license at any Office of Motor Vehicles or when obtaining services at public assistance agencies and Armed Forces recruitment offices.

Mail-in registration forms can be found online at [www.GeauxVote.com](http://www.GeauxVote.com), in public libraries or through voter registration drives.

You are required to register where you reside. If you reside in more than one location, you may register at only one residence. If you file a homestead exemption, you shall register and vote where that residence is located.

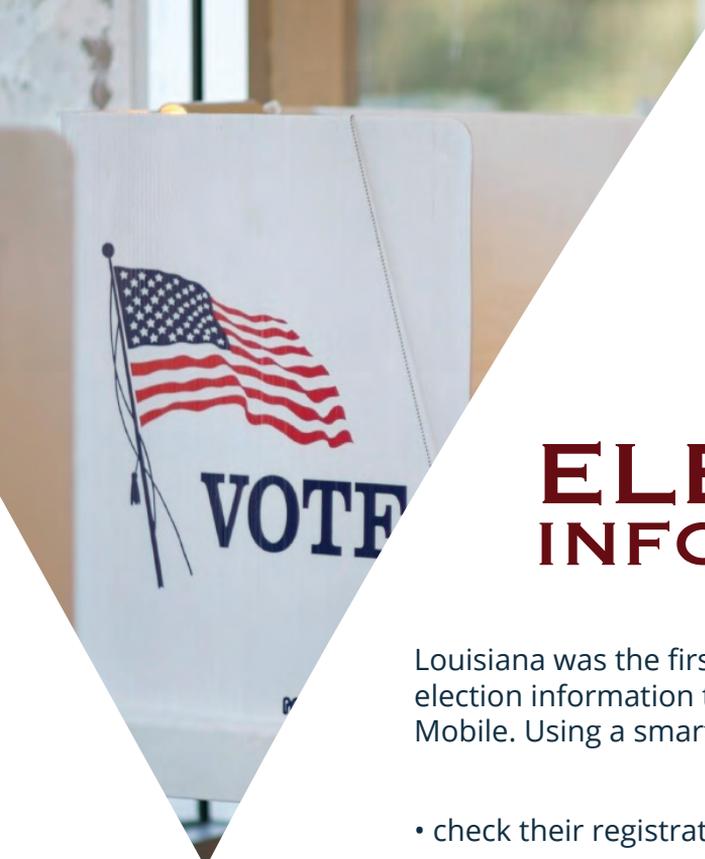
You must supply a street or rural route address so that you can be placed in the correct precinct. A post office box does not qualify as a residential address.

You may register as being affiliated with one of the state's recognized parties, you may designate "Other" on your registration application and write in the name of an unrecognized political party or you may choose no party. The deadline to register is 30 days before an election unless applying online. (See above.)

You will receive a voter information card by mail when your registration is complete. If you do not receive a voter information card within 30 days of registering, contact your local registrar of voters.

You must notify your parish registrar of voters of any changes to your voter registration (name, address), if you move within/outside the parish or out of state.

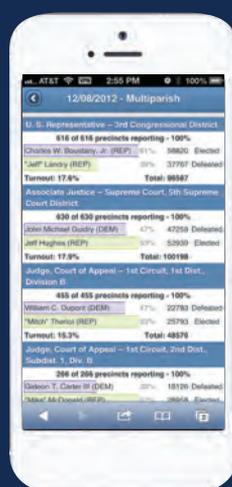
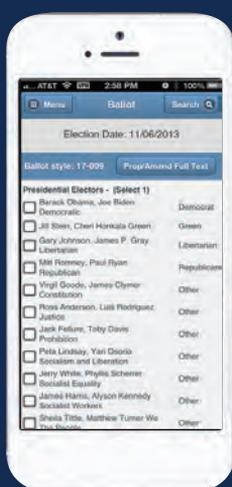
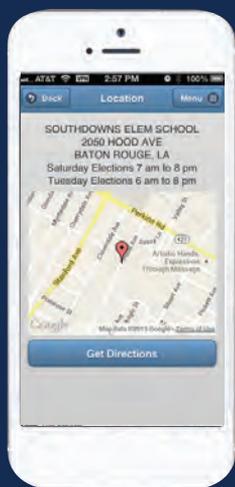
Register to Vote



# ELECTION INFORMATION

Louisiana was the first state in the country to provide election information through its app, GeauxVote Mobile. Using a smartphone, voters can:

- check their registration status;
- identify their voting districts and elected officials;
- find their voting precinct/get directions;
- review a personalized sample ballot; and
- watch election results in real-time.



GeauxVote Mobile is FREE for Apple and Android smartphone users and can be found in the App Store, Google Play or by visiting [www.GeauxVote.com](http://www.GeauxVote.com).

Additionally, comprehensive election information can be found on the secretary of state's website, [www.sos.la.gov](http://www.sos.la.gov). The website allows voters to check their registration, find sample ballots, locate their precinct and watch real-time election results.

For additional election information, voters should

**CALL 800.883.2805.**





# VOTE BY MAIL

Voting by mail is a convenient option for voters who:

- will be absent on Election Day and during the early voting period;
- are in the military;
- are an overseas citizen;
- have a disability;
- are a senior citizen;
- are a student; or
- qualify under one of the specific reasons allowed by law to vote by mail. (A list can be found at [www.GeauxVote.com](http://www.GeauxVote.com).)

You can apply to vote by mail in several ways:

1. Apply online at [www.GeauxVote.com](http://www.GeauxVote.com);
2. Fill out the downloadable application at [www.GeauxVote.com](http://www.GeauxVote.com) and mail it to your local registrar of voters; or
3. Send your registrar of voters a letter requesting to vote by mail including your reason for applying and the election date.

Senior citizens or individuals with disabilities can vote by mail for ALL elections by completing an application and enrolling in the automatic ballot program. They may also apply to vote by mail for just one election.

Voters remain in the automatic mail ballot program until such time that a ballot is returned to the Registrar of Voters Office as undeliverable, or they request to be removed from the program.

All voted mail ballots must be received by the local Registrar of Voters Office by 4:30 p.m. on the day before an election, except for military, overseas citizens, and eligible hospitalized voters who have until Election Day.



# EARLY VOTING

Early voting is a great convenience for voters wishing to avoid long lines on Election Day.

For state and local elections, early voting runs Saturday through Saturday (excluding Sunday) two weeks before Election Day.

For federal elections, early voting runs Tuesday through Tuesday (excluding Sunday) two weeks before Election Day.

Early voting hours are 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Voters in line by 6 p.m. each day of the early voting period will be allowed to vote.

Early voting is held in each parish Registrar of Voters Office or at other designated early voting sites in your parish. For a complete listing of early voting locations, go to [www.GeauxVote.com](http://www.GeauxVote.com) or use the GeauxVote Mobile smartphone app.



# ELECTION DAY VOTING

Casting your ballot on Election Day is an important duty as a citizen of our state and nation. The following information will make your voting experience quick and easy!

## Voting Hours:

Tuesday Elections: 6 a.m.–8 p.m.

Saturday Elections: 7 a.m.–8 p.m.

*\*Voters in line by 8 p.m. will be allowed to vote.*

Find your precinct online at [www.GeauxVote.com](http://www.GeauxVote.com), using the GeauxVote Mobile smartphone app or by calling your local Registrar of Voters Office.

Bring a photo ID with you to vote. You may use a Louisiana Driver's License, a Louisiana Special ID card or other generally recognized picture identification card with your name and signature, such as a passport. You may obtain a FREE photo ID card at the Office of Motor Vehicles by presenting your voter information card.

If you do not have a photo ID on Election Day, you will be required to sign an affidavit and supply personal identification information.

You are allowed three minutes to cast your vote. If you are entitled to assistance or use the audio voting keypad, you are allowed 20 minutes to cast your vote. Review your ballot ahead of time by going to [www.GeauxVote.com](http://www.GeauxVote.com) or using the GeauxVote Mobile smartphone app. Sample ballots are available online at least 20 days before each election and are also printed in local newspapers and posted at your polling location for review.

Remember, you have the right to a campaign-free zone on Election Day. Electioneering within 600 feet of the polling site is not allowed and individuals may not bring or wear any campaign literature to the polls. Private property is exempt.

Report any Election Day concerns to the Secretary of State's Elections Division at 800.883.2805.



## BECOME A COMMISSIONER

Louisiana relies on its dedicated citizens to perform the public service of working the polling places on Election Day. If you are interested in serving as a commissioner, please contact your local clerk of court.

Certified commissioners earn up to \$200 per Election Day. Commissioners-in-charge earn up to \$300 per Election Day depending on the number of precincts.

Commissioners-in-charge have worked as commissioners in prior elections and are responsible for presiding over their precincts, tabulating votes and delivering the election results to the Clerk of Court's Office on election night.

Commissioners are responsible for conducting all Election Day duties at their assigned precinct, enforcing election laws, maintaining order at the polling place during the election and posting results.

To become a commissioner, you must be a registered voter in the parish where you are going to serve. The exemptions to this rule are, if you are otherwise qualified to serve as a commissioner and 1) are 17 years old, enrolled in the 12th grade or a 12th grade level home study program, graduated or received your GED; or 2) are a qualified voter of this state or another state who is a student at an institution of higher learning.

Individuals must attend the required course of instruction given by the Clerk of Court's Office and pass a test in order to become a certified commissioner.

Commissioners and commissioners-in-charge remain certified through December 31 of the year of expiration of the clerk of court's term.

If a commissioner-in-charge or commissioner is running for office, or an immediate family member is running for office for a specific election, he/she may not serve in any precinct where his name or that of his relative is on the ballot.

Become a Commissioner



## HONOR VETS VOTE

The Honor Vets...Vote! program is designed to increase voter participation and improve turnout on Election Day. The outreach initiative was developed in 2012 leading up to the presidential election after a trip by several secretaries of state to the Middle East visiting troops.

Honor Vets...Vote! allows individuals to dedicate their vote in an upcoming election to a current or former member of the military, honoring their sacrifice for our sacred right to vote.

Individuals wishing to participate can access the application by visiting [www.sos.la.gov/honorvets](http://www.sos.la.gov/honorvets). After completing the form, each voter can choose to receive a bumper sticker, a lapel pin and/or a printable certificate documenting their vote dedication. Voters can participate in this patriotic program during each and every election to honor the many service members who have heroically protected our rights and freedoms.

Honor Vets...Vote!

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **How do I know where to register and vote if I am a student living away from home?**

You may register and vote in the parish of your home residence or in the parish where you are attending school. An out-of-state resident who is a student in Louisiana may register and vote in this state; however you may not be registered in more than one state at any time.

## **What does it mean if I am an inactive voter?**

An inactive status means that your registration address has not been verified through the annual canvass of the voter rolls, or election mail sent to your registration address has been returned as undeliverable by the postal service to the registrar of voters.

To return to active status, you must verify your residential address prior to voting, which may be done when you vote on Election Day. You may also do this in person at the Registrar of Voters Office, online or by mail through a voter registration application. If you verify your address before Election Day, you must do so at least 30 days before an election, or 20 days if using the online application, for your status to be updated for that election.

## **Is my right to vote automatically reinstated after a felony conviction?**

No. To restore your rights after a felony conviction, you must visit your Registrar of Voters Office in person. You will need to provide proof of completion of sentence or proof of release from confinement for at least five years.

## What is prohibited by federal law in voting?

Federal law prohibits:

- knowingly and willfully intimidating, threatening, coercing or attempting to intimidate, threaten or coerce any person for voting or urging or aiding any person to vote or attempting to vote in any election for federal office; and
- knowingly and willfully depriving, defrauding or attempting to deprive or defraud the residents of Louisiana of a fair and impartially conducted election process by the procurement, casting or tabulation of ballots that are known by the person to be materially false, fictitious or fraudulent under the laws of the State of Louisiana in any election for federal office; and conspiring to injure, oppress, threaten or intimidate any person in the free exercise or enjoyment of the right to vote or because of his or her having so exercised the right to vote.

## What is prohibited by state law in voting?

Louisiana state law prohibits:

- intimidating, deceiving or misinforming, directly or indirectly, any voter or prospective voter in matters concerning voting or non-voting;
- offering money or anything of apparent present or prospective value or use, directly or indirectly, or engage in any form of intimidation to influence the action or encourage inaction of any election official with regard to the duties of his or her office;
- disobeying any lawful instruction of the commissioners or a law enforcement officer assisting at the polling place or without lawful authority; obstructing, hindering or delaying any voter on his way to or while returning home from a polling place where an election is held; or impeding a voter from entering or exiting a polling place;
- voting or attempting to vote in the name of another or in an assumed or fictitious name, or in any manner other than as provided by the Louisiana Election Code;
- supplying a false answer or statement to an election official or on any document required by the Louisiana Election Code, or executing an affidavit knowing it to contain false or incorrect information;
- unlawfully, directly or indirectly, possessing, tampering with, breaking, impairing, impeding or otherwise interfering with the maintenance, adjustment, delivery, use or operation of any voting machine or with any paraphernalia connected with or appertaining to the machine;
- voters, election officials, watchers (Election Day only) or persons assisting a voter to allow a ballot to be seen (except as provided by law), announce the manner in which a person has cast a ballot, place a distinguishing mark on a ballot with intent to make the ballot identifiable or make a false statement concerning a voter's ability to mark a ballot without assistance;
- coercing, compelling or otherwise influencing an assisted voter to cast a vote in a certain way or fail to mark the ballot or vote in the manner dictated by the voter by the person providing assistance;
- accepting directly, or indirectly anything of economic value, including reimbursement of costs, for the purpose of transporting a voter to an early voting location or polling place, or for driving or being in charge of any motor vehicle being used for such purpose (bus, taxi or licensed transportation are exempt).
- giving or offering to give, directly or indirectly, money or anything of present or prospective value to influence a vote;
- voting or attempting to vote more than once at an election;
- remaining within any early voting location or polling place or within a radius of 600 feet of the entrance of any polling place, except when exercising the right to vote, after having been directed by a commissioner or law enforcement officer to leave the premises or area of an early voting location or polling place; placing or displaying political signs, pictures or other forms of political advertising and/or handing out, placing or displaying campaign cards, pictures or other campaign literature of any kind or description whatsoever, unless on private property which is not being used as an early voting location or polling place;

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Got election questions? Call the Louisiana Secretary of State's Office at 800.883.2805 or reach out to your local registrar of voters (ROV) or clerk of court (COC) offices in your parish.

ACADIA COC 337.788.8881 ROV 337.788.8841	CALDWELL COC 318.649.2272 ROV 318.649.7364	FRANKLIN COC 318.435.5133 ROV 318.435.4489
ALLEN COC 337.639.4351 ROV 337.639.4966	CAMERON COC 337.775.5316 ROV 337.775.5493	GRANT COC 318.627.3246 ROV 318.627.9938
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CADDO COC 318.226.6788 ROV 318.226.6891	E. FELICIANA COC 225.683.5145 ROV 225.683.3105	LAFOURCHE COC 985.447.4841 ROV 985.447.3256
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MADISON COC 318.574.0655 ROV 318.574.2193	ST. CHARLES COC 985.783.6632 ROV 985.783.5120	VERMILION COC 337.898.1992 ROV 337.898.4324
MOREHOUSE COC 318.281.3343 ROV 318.281.1434	ST. HELENA COC 225.222.4521 ROV 225.222.4440	VERNON COC 337.238.1384 ROV 337.239.3690
NATCHITOCHE COC 318.352.8152 ROV 318.357.2211	ST. JAMES COC 225.562.2270 ROV 225.562.2330	WASHINGTON COC 985.839.4663 ROV 985.839.7850
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