

Maine Secretary of State Voter Registration Card Policy Revised January 29, 2024

The first step to becoming a registered voter in Maine is to complete a voter registration application. Citizens may register to vote at their municipal registrar's office, at any Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV), or they may submit a voter registration application by mail or through a voter registration drive.

Voter Registration Drives

Many candidates, political organizations, civic groups, and others conduct voter registration drives. Voter registration cards are available upon request from the Secretary of State. To facilitate these activities, and to provide uniformity and the correct version of the form, the Secretary of State has established the following policy regarding the use and distribution of voter registration cards.

Voter Registration Card Policy

1. All requests for voter registration cards must be made by submitting a properly completed Voter Registration Card Request Form.

| Who may request: | Total # cards per week | Maximum # of cards |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Statewide Candidates | 2,000 | 10,000 |
| Qualified Parties | 2,000 | 10,000 |
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| All other candidates & groups | 1,000 | 5,000 |

2. During each calendar year, the following requests may be submitted:

- 3. <u>Approved Voter Registration Card Formats:</u>
 - a) Hard copy voter registration cards provided by the Secretary of State for voter registration drives are 4" X 6" in size and green in color.
 - b) An electronic version of the Voter Registration card is available on the Secretary of State website: voterrev124.pdf (maine.gov)
 This electronic version is in a print-ready Adobe PDF format and contains both the front and back of the card. If this option is selected, the front and back of the card must be printed on one side of an 8 ½" x 11" paper.
 - c) If voter registration drives opt to print their own cards, the cards must be printed doublesided on 4" x 6" green cardstock.
 - d) The National Mail Voter Registration Form is available online: <u>National Voter Registration Application Form for U.S. Citizens (ENG) (eac.gov)</u> Note: This 8 ½" x 11" national version is a valid voter registration form, but is generally not used for Maine voter registration drives.
- 4. Voter registration cards completed at voter registration drives should be bundled and <u>delivered</u> <u>to the appropriate municipal registrars</u> as soon as possible after they are completed.
- 5. If you experience issues with delivering cards to the municipalities or do not know where to submit cards from township voters, please contact the Elections Division for guidance. Cards may be submitted directly to the Secretary of State, but must be submitted at least 30 days before the election to allow ample time to mail the cards to individual municipalities.

<u>Note:</u> The preferred and most efficient process is for voter registration cards to be submitted directly to the appropriate municipal registrars.