

## Colorado Voter Information 2008 - 2009

### REGISTRATION QUALIFICATIONS

You must be:

- A citizen of the United States
- 18 years old by Election Day
- A resident of a Colorado precinct for at least 30 days prior to the election

### HOW TO REGISTER

Any qualified citizen can apply to register in person up to, and including, 29 days before an election at the following sites:

- County Clerk and Recorders' offices
  - Driver's License offices
  - Armed Forces Recruiting Offices
  - Designated Public Assistance Agencies
- or
- Use a Mail-in Registration Form

Mail-in forms are available at government offices, libraries and registration drives sponsored by groups and employers. Forms may also be accessed on the websites for the Secretary of State, County Clerks, or League of Women Voters of Colorado.

### ACCEPTABLE IDENTIFICATION FORMS

Colorado law requires identification at the polls *and* for first time voters who vote by mail-in ballot.

Registered voters are required to present one of the following forms of identification at their polling places.

- Valid Colorado driver's license
- Valid picture identification card
- Valid U.S. passport
- Valid U.S. military card
- Copy of current utility bill or paycheck or government check showing address
- FAA photo pilot's license
- Certified documentation of naturalization
- Valid Medicare or Medicaid card
- Certified copy of birth certificate
- Valid student ID card with photo

### ARE YOU STILL REGISTERED?

You are registered if you voted in the last general election and **have not moved**, or if you have registered since that date. If you have moved, you are required to change your address with your County Clerk. If you did not vote in the last two general elections, you may be declared "inactive" and may need to re-register or reactivate your voting status.

**October 6, 2008** is the last day to register for the November 4, 2008 election. To access a registration form or a mail-in (formerly absentee) ballot, request form at [www.lwvcolorado.org](http://www.lwvcolorado.org).

### MAIL-IN BALLOT/EARLY VOTING

**Any registered voter may apply for a mail-in ballot; no reason is required for this request.** The application for a mail-in ballot may be obtained from your County Clerk as early as January 1 of the election year and no later than close of business on the Friday immediately preceding the election. A mail-in ballot must be received at your county clerk's office by 7 PM on Election Day.

A Permanent Mail-In Ballot may be obtained from your county clerk. Your name will be placed on a list to receive a ballot for each applicable election. With this provision, you need not apply for a mail-in ballot each year.

Early voting polling places are provided by each county. Anyone who wishes may vote in person at locations designated by the county clerk 10 days before the Primary Election and 15 days before a General Election or other November election. Early voting ends on the Friday preceding the election.

### IMPORTANT VOTING DATES

*Tuesday, February 5, 2008*

#### PRECINCT PARTY CAUCUS

A Colorado voter affiliated with his/her political party for at least two months and a resident of the precinct for 30 days may participate in the precinct party caucus. The purpose of the caucus is to elect delegates to county assemblies and to begin discussing the party platform. To become affiliated, contact the political party of your choice.

*February 20, 2008 though March 17, 2008*

#### COUNTY/DISTRICT ASSEMBLIES & STATE CONVENTIONS

Delegates attend their county assemblies where candidates are selected to run for county offices in the August Primary. Delegates are also selected to attend district assemblies and the state convention. The dates for these events are scheduled by the Colorado political parties.

*Tuesday, August 12, 2008*

#### PRIMARY ELECTION

The purpose of the State Primary Election is to nominate candidates from the political parties for U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, elective statewide offices, state legislators, and district and county offices. A voter at the primary election must be registered and affiliated with a political party. Any unaffiliated, registered voter may declare a party affiliation at this time.

*Tuesday, November 4, 2008*

#### GENERAL ELECTION

The final vote for federal and state elected officials is held in even-numbered years. Voters may also have the opportunity to vote on statewide ballot issues.

**ELECTION AND REGISTRATION DEADLINE  
CALENDAR FOR 2008**

December 5, 2007	Last day to affiliate with a political party in order to participate in the precinct caucus
February 5	Precinct Party Caucus Day
July 14	Last day to register for Primary Election
August 2 - 8	Early voting for Primary Election
August 5	Last day to apply for mail-in ballot for primary election if ballot is to be mailed to you
August 8	Last day to apply in person for mail-in ballot for primary election
August 12	Primary Election – balloting closes at 7:00 pm
October 6	Last day to register for General Election
October 20 - 31	Early voting for General Election
October 28	Last day to apply for mail-in ballot for General Election if mailed to you
October 31	Last day to apply in person for mail-in ballot for General Election
November 4	General Election – balloting closes at 7:00 pm

**2009 ELECTION AND REGISTRATION  
DEADLINE CALENDAR**

The statewide ballot issues voted on at this time must be fiscal issues. Local elections may also take place in odd-numbered years.

October 5	Last day to register for General Election
November 3	General Election

For Additional questions contact:  
**League of Women Voters Education Fund**  
**Election Hotline 303-863-VOTE (303-863-8683)**  
**Website: [www.lwvcolorado.org](http://www.lwvcolorado.org)**  
**Email: [info@lwvcolorado.org](mailto:info@lwvcolorado.org)**

**County Clerks**

**Secretary of State**  
**Elections: (303) 894-2200**  
**Website: [www.sos.state.co.us](http://www.sos.state.co.us)**

**Political Parties**

Democratic Party	303-623-4762
Republican Party	303-758-3333
Green Party	303-575-1631
Libertarian Party	303-837-9393
American Constitution Party	303-420-6498
Colorado Reform Party	970-443-4421

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