



Voters' Pamphlet

Oregon Primary Election
May 19, 2020

Certificate of Correctness

I, Bev Clarno, Secretary of State of the State of Oregon, do hereby certify that this guide has been correctly prepared in accordance with the law in order to assist electors in voting at the Primary Election to be held throughout the State on May 19, 2020. Witness my hand and the Seal of the State of Oregon in Salem, Oregon, this 6th day of April, 2020.

Bev Clarno
Oregon Secretary of State

vote!

Oregon votes by mail. Ballots will be mailed to registered voters beginning April 29.

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Dear Oregon Voter,

The information this Voters' Pamphlet provides is designed to assist you in participating in the **May 19, 2020**, Primary Election.

Primary elections serve two main purposes. The first is for all voters to be able to cast ballots for candidates for nonpartisan offices like judges and some county and other local offices. The second is for the voters registered with a major political party to select their nominees for partisan office like US President.

Those registered as not affiliated with a political party, or registered with a minor party (Constitution, Independent, Libertarian, Pacific Green, Progressive, Working Families) will receive a ballot that includes only nonpartisan offices. The US Supreme Court has ruled that political parties get to decide who votes in their primaries so unless you are registered as a Republican or Democrat you will not have candidates for President or any partisan office on your May Primary ballot. You will have them on your November 3 ballot.

The biggest threat we have to elections today is misinformation. It can be found in many sources – social media, mainstream media, email lists, text message chains and mailers. Misinformation can even be spread through candidate statements in this voters' pamphlet. Candidates pay a fee to have the statements printed and they are not fact checked. In fact, Oregon courts have ruled they cannot be fact checked.

We recognize that with unlimited sources of information it can be challenging to find information that is accurate and trustworthy. Fortunately, there are some simple questions you can ask yourself to help identify misinformation: 1) Is there any data or evidence presented to support the information? 2) Does this information seem designed to push my political buttons? 3) Is there something about this information that doesn't seem right or too bizarre to be true? 4) Who is sharing this information? 5) Does this individual or group have an agenda? Be an informed voter and don't believe everything you see or hear.

Ballots will be mailed beginning April 29. After you have filled out your ballot, you can return it by mail or take it to any official drop box. If returning by mail, no stamp is necessary because, under a new law, the postage has been pre-paid by the state. Remember your ballot must be physically received at a county elections office or in an official drop box by **8 pm May 19**. Postmarks do not count! To track your ballot or to find your nearest drop box, visit oregonvotes.gov/myvote.

My goal as Secretary of State is to maximize voter participation and access while ensuring election integrity so that our democracy can be strong and vibrant. You can have confidence that our elections are secure and accurate and that every vote counts. I encourage you to study the issues, make your voice heard and participate in all elections.

Sincerely,

Bev Clarno
Oregon Secretary of State

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This is a joint voters' pamphlet.

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To save on mailing and production costs a county that prepares a voters' pamphlet may insert the pamphlet into the center of the state voters' pamphlet for distribution. It includes information about candidates and measures from local governments located within the county.



For questions about:

- registering to vote
- updating your registration
- absentee ballots
- elections and voting
- completing and returning
your ballot
- signature requirements
- replacement ballots



Contact your County
Elections Office.

Benton County

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541-766-6756

TTY 1-800-735-2900

fax 541-766-6757

elections@co.benton.or.us

www.co.benton.or.us

vote!

Dates to Remember



→ **Tuesday, April 28**

Last day to register to vote or change political party affiliation for this election.

→ **Wednesday, April 29**

First day for counties to mail ballots



→ **Tuesday, May 19**

Election Day

Ballots must be received by 8 pm



oregonvotes.gov/myvote

Use this online tool to check or update your registration status and track your ballot.

How do I vote in Oregon?

In Oregon, we vote by mail. There are no polling places. Instead you can complete your ballot anywhere you choose. There are privacy booths available at your county elections office.

Your county elections office will automatically mail you a ballot packet for every election that you are eligible to vote in. Inside the packet, you will find the ballot and instructions on how to complete and return the ballot. [Follow the instructions!](#)

What if my ballot doesn't come?

For this election your ballot packet will automatically be mailed to you between **April 29** and **May 5, 2020**. If you have not received your ballot packet by **May 8**, call your county elections office.

What if I've moved?

Ballots are not forwardable. If you were registered to vote by **April 28** but now have a different address, call your county elections office for instructions on how to update your registration and receive a ballot.

How do I get a ballot if I will be out of town when ballots are sent?

Absentee ballots are available 45 days before the election. You must complete the Absentee Ballot Request Application at oregonvotes.gov/myvote or call your county elections office.

Can I vote online?

There is no online voting in Oregon. A ballot may be emailed to a military or overseas voter, but there is no website where you can cast a ballot.

Why are there no Presidential Candidates on my ballot?

If your ballot does not include candidates for US President it means you are not registered to vote as a Republican or Democrat. Oregon law allows major political parties to decide who can participate in selecting the candidates who will represent the parties at the general election.

For the 2020 Primary only registered voters of the Republican Party or Democratic Party may choose that party's nominees. Candidates for US President will appear on the ballot you receive for the general election.

Do I have to vote on every office or measure?

No. You don't have to vote on every contest. Those you do vote on will still count.

What if I make a mistake, damage or lose my ballot?

If your ballot is lost, destroyed, damaged or you make a mistake in marking your ballot, you may call your county elections office and request a replacement ballot.

Can I change how I voted?

If you have not yet returned your ballot, you can change how you voted. Follow the instructions included with your ballot. Once you have put your ballot in the mail or official drop box it is considered cast and cannot be changed.

How do I return my ballot?

You can return your ballot by mail or take it to any county elections office or official drop box. You can find the nearest drop box, along with a map of how to get there, at oregonvotes.gov/dropbox or by contacting your county elections office.

Do I have to pay postage?

If returning by mail, no stamp is necessary because the postage has been pre-paid by the state.

What is the deadline for me to return my voted ballot?

Your voted ballot must be physically received by a county elections office or be in an official drop box by **8 pm, Tuesday, May 19**. **Postmarks do not count!** County elections offices are open election day from **7 am to 8 pm**.

Will my ballot be counted if I forgot to return it in the secrecy envelope or sleeve?

The county elections office will maintain the privacy of your ballot if you forget the optional secrecy envelope or sleeve and your ballot will still count.

Why do I have to sign the outside of my ballot return envelope?

Your signature is a security measure used to verify identity. County personnel who have received training in forensic handwriting analysis compare it to signatures in your voter registration record. Your ballot may only be counted if the signatures match.

If your signature does not match the county will notify you. You will have until 14 days after the election to prove you were the one who signed the envelope.

Can I ask a family member to sign the envelope for me?

Only the voter may sign the ballot return envelope. Power of Attorney documents do not apply to voting. If you cannot sign your name you may use a signature stamp or other indicator as your signature. Contact your county elections office for more information.

What if I forget to sign the return envelope?

If you forget to sign your ballot envelope the county will notify you. You will have until 14 days after the election to sign the envelope.

Is my vote really kept secret?

Yes, how you voted is secret, but whether or not you returned your ballot is public record. To ensure your vote remains a secret, your ballot is separated from the return identification envelope before it is reviewed. County elections officials only review and count your ballot after verifying your signature.

How can I track my ballot?

As a registered voter, you can track the status of your ballot at oregonvotes.gov/myvote.

What is a Provisional Ballot and why do I need one?

If there is a question about your eligibility as a voter or you need to vote at a county elections office in a county other than the one you live in, you will be issued a provisional ballot. In order to obtain a provisional ballot, you need to fill out a Provisional Ballot Request Form in person at the county elections office. Your provisional ballot will not be counted until it is determined that you are eligible to vote.

When will election results be known?

Initial results are released at **8 pm** election night and will continue to be updated through election night. Final certified results will be available 30 days after the election.

How do I file a complaint?

Any registered voter may file a written complaint alleging that a violation of an election law has occurred. The complaint should provide evidence showing a violation. The complaint must be signed by the elector. Anonymous complaints will not be accepted. The complaint should be sent to:

Secretary of State, Elections Division
255 Capitol St NE, Suite 501
Salem, OR 97310

Would you...

give someone going door to door your ballot to put in a drop box for you?

Not safe. In 2018, 97 people did this and had their vote not count because the ballot was turned in after Election Day. Don't be fooled.

believe a talk radio personality who says your political party is changed when you go to DMV?

Not true. The political party you are registered with never changes because of a DMV transaction. If you are not already registered you will be registered as not affiliated. Don't be fooled.

believe a story that non-citizens are registered to vote when they get a driver's license?

Not true. Only individuals who show proof of citizenship at DMV are automatically registered to vote. Don't be fooled.

believe a social media post, phone call or text message that your voter registration has been cancelled?

Not true. Anytime your voter registration is updated, you are sent a confirmation of the changes. Don't be fooled.

register to vote on a website you saw on social media instead of registering at the official Secretary of State site, oregonvotes.gov/register?

Not safe. In 2018 many people used third party sites thinking they were registering to vote. But the information was never sent to the Elections Division and they could not vote. These sites can also steal your personal info. Don't be fooled.

trust election information like deadlines, drop box locations and results from any website other than the official Secretary of State site, oregonvotes.gov?

Not safe. Only use official information located on the Secretary of State's website or your county elections website. Don't be fooled.

believe a social media post that says your ballot can be rejected without you knowing about it?

It can't. If your ballot is rejected you will be notified and may have the chance to fix it. Plus you can view the status of your ballot at oregonvotes.gov/myvote. Don't be fooled.

believe a social media post that says because of record high voter turnout, Democrats vote on Tuesday and Republicans vote on Wednesday?

Not true. All ballots are due by 8 pm, Tuesday, May 19, 2020. Don't be fooled.

believe a picture on social media with the same candidate listed twice and another candidate missing?

Not true. People have photoshopped ballot images before. Don't be fooled.

believe a headline that says it is too late to secure the upcoming election?

Not true. Election security in Oregon has never been stronger and is continually being improved. Don't be fooled.

Don't Be Fooled



Ensuring the Accuracy of Your **Vote!**

Oregon elections are secure. They're secure, not because there aren't any threats, but because we have detailed processes and procedures in place that are continuously evaluated to identify improvements and to develop contingency plans, ensuring our systems and our votes are secure.

Some security measures you may be more familiar with than others. For example the signature on your ballot return envelope is compared to the signatures in your voter registration record and your ballot is only counted if the signatures match. Another security feature is that all elections in Oregon must be conducted using a paper ballot.

Other security features which you may not be as familiar with include:

- Every county elections office files a security plan with the Secretary of State every year that details the tools and processes they use to secure elections in their county.
- Each day a copy of the voter registration database is backed up and saved to ensure accurate information is preserved should a bad actor gain access.
- All voting systems (machines and programs) used to count ballots in Oregon have been certified by a federally accredited voting system test laboratory and have been further analyzed to ensure the system is secure before the Secretary of State approved of their use.
- The Department of Homeland Security has been conducting onsite physical and cyber threat assessments at each of Oregon's 36 county election offices.
- All ballots are counted in secure rooms at each of Oregon's 36 county election offices. Security cameras are in place to record 24 hours a day. No voting systems are connected to the internet.
- The Oregon TIGER (Threat Information Gathering and Election Resources) Team identifies threats and vulnerabilities to Oregon's election system and applies the resources of federal, state, and local governments to mitigate those threats and vulnerabilities. Members of the TIGER Team consist of the Oregon Elections Division, US Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Oregon Emergency Management, Oregon Chief Information Officer- Cyber Security Services, Oregon National Guard, Oregon Titan Fusion Center, and FBI.
- Prior to any ballots being counted, counties test voting systems for logic and accuracy. This testing entails marking test ballots and running them through the vote counting machines to ensure results produced by the voting machines match how the test ballots were marked. This same process is followed after the election to confirm there was no change to the programming.

The US Department of Homeland Security and the FBI have confirmed that no vote tally systems in Oregon, or anywhere else in the US have been hacked. You can have confidence that your ballot will be counted as you mark it and that there will be no tampering with the ballot at any step in the election process. Voting in Oregon has never been more secure or more accurate.

Am I qualified to register to vote in Oregon?

You are qualified to register to vote in Oregon if you can answer yes to the following questions:

- Are you a resident of Oregon?
- Are you a US citizen?
- Are you at least 16 years of age?

If you are not yet 18 years of age, you will not receive a ballot until an election occurs on or after your 18th birthday.

How do I register to vote in Oregon?

To register to vote you can complete a registration card or use the online process available at oregonvotes.gov/register.

Registration cards are also available at any county elections office, the Secretary of State's Office, and some state agencies such as the DMV. Contact the Secretary of State's Office for a large print version of the registration card.

What identification do I provide?

You must provide your valid Oregon Driver's License, Permit or ID number. A suspended Driver's License is valid, a revoked Driver's License is not valid.

If you do not have valid Oregon ID, provide the last four digits of your Social Security number.

If you do not have a valid Oregon ID or Social Security number you can find a list of acceptable alternative identification online at oregonvotes.gov.

What is the deadline to register to vote for this election?

To vote in the **May 19, 2020**, Primary Election, your completed voter registration card must be:

- postmarked by Tuesday, **April 28**; or
- delivered to a county elections office or voter registration agency (e.g., DMV) by Tuesday, **April 28**.

If you register to vote online, your registration must be submitted by 11:59 pm on Tuesday, **April 28**.

When do I need to update my voter registration?

You should update your registration if you move, change your name, signature or mailing address, or want to change or select a political party.

You can provide the new information online at oregonvotes.gov or by completing and returning a voter registration card to your county elections official.

Do I have to register with a political party to vote?

No you do not. However, by joining a political party you are able to select the party's candidates either by voting in a party's primary election or by participating in other nomination processes.

If you do not select a political party you will still receive a ballot for every election you are entitled to vote at. However, the ballot you receive for a primary election will only include nonpartisan offices and ballot measures.

Address Confidentiality Program

Individuals whose personal or family safety may be in danger if their home address is available as a public record may register to vote with confidentiality protections by applying for the Address Confidentiality Program (ACP).

The ACP is a free mail forwarding service. It helps survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking shield their physical address. Program participants are provided with a substitute address to use instead of their real address. To be eligible for the ACP you must live in Oregon, **and**

- be over 18 years old, **and**
- be a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking, **and**
- have recently relocated (or are about to relocate) to an address unknown to the perpetrator(s) or any government agencies.

Parents or guardians may apply on behalf of incapacitated adults and minor children who are otherwise eligible for the ACP.

Participation in the ACP by itself does not guarantee anyone's safety. ACP staff do not provide threat-assessment or safety-planning and are not allowed to offer legal advice.

To apply to the Address Confidentiality Program, you must work with a victim advocate who has been designated as an Application Assistant by the Attorney General. For more information or to find an Application Assistant near you visit <https://www.doj.state.or.us/crime-victims/victims-services/address-confidentiality-program-acp/> or call **888-559-9090**.



Use online voter resources to register or update your registration status.
oregonvotes.gov

qualifications

Are you a citizen of the United States of America? yes no
 Are you at least 16 years of age? yes no

! If you mark no in response to either of these questions, do not complete this form.

personal information *required information

last name* first* middle
 Oregon residence address, city and zip code (include apt. or space number)*
 date of birth (month/day/year)* county of residence
 phone email
 mailing address, including city, state and zip code (required if different than residence)

Oregon Driver's License/ID number

Provide a valid **Oregon Driver's License, Permit or ID:**

I do not have a valid **Oregon Driver's License/Permit/ID.**
 The last 4 digits of my Social Security Number (SSN) are:

x x x - x x -

I do not have a valid Oregon Driver's License/Permit/ID or a SSN. I have attached a copy of **acceptable identification.**

political party

- Not a member of a party
- Constitution
- Democratic
- Independent
- Libertarian
- Pacific Green
- Progressive
- Republican
- Working Families
- Other _____

signature I swear or affirm that I am qualified to be an elector and I have told the truth on this registration.

sign here _____ date today _____

! If you sign this card and know it to be false, you can be fined up to \$125,000 and/or imprisoned for up to 5 years.

registration updates Complete this section if you are updating your information.

previous registration name previous county and state
 home address on previous registration date of birth (month/day/year)



Voters with Disabilities

For more detailed information on accessible voting contact **your county elections office**. County contact information is on page 4.

What are the different ways I can vote?

→ HTML ballot

You mark this ballot using any computer with assistive technology, print and return it. You may also use the accessible tablets or computer stations located in every county elections office.

→ Large print ballot

→ Ask for help

Who can help me vote my ballot?

→ Anyone except your employer or union

You can get help from a friend, family member or other trusted person. Under Oregon law you cannot receive help from your employer or union.

→ County Voting Assistance Team

You do not have to ask for help from someone you know. County Voting Assistance Teams are available to help you vote your ballot privately and independently.

What if I cannot sign my ballot return envelope?

→ You may use a signature stamp or other indicator as your signature

You must complete a signature stamp attestation form along with a voter registration card before using the stamp or mark to sign your ballot envelope.

What other accessible resources are available?

→ Statewide Voters' Pamphlet

Available in digital audio or accessible text at oregonvotes.gov.

You have the right to **vote!**

If you are a US citizen, live in Oregon, are 18 years old and have registered to vote.

- **You have the right** to vote even if you are homeless.
- **You have the right** to vote if you have been convicted of a felony but have been released from custody, even if you are on probation or parole.
- **You have the right** to vote even if you have a guardian and even if you need help reading or filling out your ballot.
- **You have the right** to vote or cast your ballot if you are in line by 8pm on Election Day.
- **You have the right** to know if you are registered to vote.
- **You have the right** to choose whether or not you want to register as a member of a political party.
- **You have the right** to use a signature stamp or other mark but first you have to fill out a form. No one can sign for you.
- **You have the right** to ask for help from elections staff or from a friend or family member. There are some people who cannot help you vote, for example, your boss or a union officer from your job.
- **You have the right** to a secret vote. You do not have to tell anyone how you voted.
- **You have the right** to get a “provisional ballot,” even if you are told you are not registered to vote.
- **You have the right** to get a new ballot if you make a mistake.
- **You have the right** to vote for the person you want. You can write in someone else’s name if you don’t like the choices on your ballot.
- **You have the right** to vote “yes” or “no” on any issue on your ballot.
- **You have the right** to leave some choices blank on your ballot. The choices you do mark will still count.
- **You have the right** to use a voting system for all Federal Elections that makes it equally possible for people with disabilities to vote privately and independently.
- **You have the right** to know if your ballot, including a “provisional ballot,” was accepted for counting.
- **You have the right** to file a complaint if you think your voting rights have been denied.

for more information about voter rights



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