REGISTER TO VOTE

BY MAIL: Visit sos.iowa.gov, a county courthouse, a driver’s license station, or state offices serving people with disabilities for a voter registration form. The completed form must be postmarked by or arrive to your county auditor’s office at least 15 days before the election in which you wish to vote.

ONLINE: If you have an Iowa driver’s license or non-operator ID, you may register to vote online.

ABSENTEE VOTING BY MAIL

Registered voters may request an absentee ballot to be sent to them by mail. You must complete an absentee ballot request form and return the original, signed form to your county auditor. The request form does not need to be witnessed or notarized.

A written application for a mailed absentee ballot must be received by the voter’s County Auditor no later than 5:00 p.m. 15 days before the election.

Those who will be 18 years old by the date of an upcoming election may request an absentee ballot if he or she is preregistered to vote.

REQUEST DEADLINE FOR MAILED BALLOTS

The request form must be received in the county auditor’s office by 5 p.m. 15 DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION. If the request is received so late that it is unlikely the absentee ballot can be returned by mail in time to be considered for counting, the county auditor will enclose a statement to that effect with the absentee ballot.

RECEIVING THE BALLOT

After receiving an absentee ballot request form, the county auditor will mail the voter their ballot. With the ballot, the county auditor will include instructions on how to mark the ballot how to return the ballot.

RETURNING THE BALLOT

You can return your voted absentee ballot by mail. Absentee ballots received in the county auditor’s office by the time the polls close at 8 PM on election day are eligible for counting. Read the instructions sent with the ballot.

Voted absentee ballots cannot be delivered to the polling place on election day. If you have not returned your ballot on election day, you have the following options:

1. Deliver your absentee ballot to the county auditor’s office before the polls close at 8 PM on election day,
2. Surrender your voted absentee ballot at the polls and vote a regular ballot, or
3. Vote a provisional ballot at the polls if you cannot surrender your voted absentee ballot.

IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

2022 GENERAL ELECTION

AUG 30 - OCT 24
Request a mailed absentee ballot

OCT 19 - NOV 7
In-person absentee voting

OCT 24
Voter pre-registration deadline

NOV 5
Auditors’ offices open eight hours Saturday before election

NOV 7
Deadline to vote in-person with absentee ballot

NOV 8
General Election Day