

MARION COUNTY, IOWA ELECTIONS AND VOTING FAQ

WHEN ARE THE ELECTIONS HELD?

General Elections are held on the 1st Tuesday after the 1st Monday in November of each even-numbered year.

Primary Elections are held on the 1st Tuesday after the 1st Monday in June of each even-numbered year.

WHERE DO I GO TO VOTE?

If you [click on this link](#) it will open a series of maps that may assist you in locating your precinct and polling place. You need Adobe's Acrobat Reader to access these maps. You can also contact the Marion County Auditor's office or your respective political party for this information.

HOW CAN I VOTE IF I AM UNABLE TO GO TO THE POLLS ON ELECTION DAY?

You have the option of voting by Absentee Ballot. First you must complete an Absentee Ballot Request Form and submit the form to the Marion County Auditor's office. One option is to go to the Auditor's office, complete and submit the Absentee Ballot Request Form, and complete your ballot at that time. A second option is to [click on this link](#) that will open up an Absentee Ballot Request Form, print out and complete the form, mail the completed form to the Auditor and your ballot will be sent to you by mail. Your completed ballot can then be returned to the Auditor by mail or hand delivered.

I HAVE MOVED. HOW DO I UPDATE MY VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION?

You will need to complete a new Voter Registration Form and submit it to the Marion County Auditor. You can do this in person at the Auditor's office, or you can [click on this link](#) that will open up a Voter Registration Form to be printed, completed, and submitted to the Auditor by mail. You can also update your registration at the same time you renew your driver's license.

CAN I REGISTER TO VOTE ON ELECTION DAY?

Yes, but there are specific legal requirements as to the identification documents you need to bring with you to the polls. Additional information may be found at the Iowa Secretary of State's website at <http://www.sos.state.ia.us> or by downloading an [Election Day Registration Guide](#) in PDF format.

HOW DO I VOTE IF I'M OVERSEAS OR IN THE MILITARY AT THE TIME OF THE ELECTION?

For U.S. citizens residing outside the United States, or members or family members of the U.S. Armed Forces, the [Federal Post Card Application Form \(SF-76\), Registration & Absentee Ballot Request](#) will update your voter registration record and absentee ballots will automatically be issued to the registrant through the next two general elections.

I AM CONSIDERING RUNNING FOR PUBLIC OFFICE, WHAT INFORMATION DO I NEED?

Most of your questions can probably be answered by downloading a copy of the Candidates Guides located on the Iowa Secretary of State's website at www.state.ia.us and the Iowa Campaign Ethics & Finance website at www.iowa.gov/ethics. You may also want to contact your respective political party for assistance in these matters.