

# VOTING IS AS EASY AS 1-2-3

## 1. SIGN UP

### TO SIGN UP TO VOTE, YOU HAVE TO BE

- 18 years or older by Election Day
- a U. S. citizen
- not in prison or on parole for a felony

### TO GET A VOTER REGISTRATION FORM:

- Pick one up at the library, post office, DMV, or other public places
- Or register online at [www.sos.mo.gov/elections/goVoteMissouri/register](http://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/goVoteMissouri/register)

### WHEN SHOULD I SIGN UP?

- Register at least 15 days before an election.
- Be sure to register again if you move, change your name, or want to change your political party.

### DO I HAVE TO JOIN A POLITICAL PARTY?

- When you sign up to vote, you will be asked if you want to join a political party.
- A political party is a group of people who share the same ideas about what government should do.
- You can register with a party or you can choose “Decline to State” (sometimes called “Independent”) and not be a member of a political party.

## 2. GET READY

### GET INFORMED

Before you vote, learn about what you will be voting on. You do not have to vote on everything. You can just vote on the things you care about.

You can also visit [www.smartvoter.org](http://www.smartvoter.org) which offers nonpartisan information about the candidates and propositions on your ballot.

You may also get partisan mail from campaigns and hear advertisements trying to tell you how to vote.

Talk to your family and friends about the issues and candidates, and follow the news about the election. Get information from many different places so you can make the choices that are right for you. Write down your choices on a piece of paper and refer to it when you vote.

### DECIDE HOW YOU WILL VOTE

At your polling place

At home with a “vote by mail” ballot

In “early voting” before election day at locations chosen by elections office

## 3. GO VOTE!

### WHAT HAPPENS IF I VOTE AT MY POLLING PLACE?

- You will be asked your name and to sign a list containing all the voters in your area.
- If you are a first-time voter, you may be asked to show identification.
- The pollworker will give you a paper ballot to mark in a private booth or a card to put into a voting computer..
- If your name is not on the list, you can still vote with a “provisional” ballot. You will be given a number to call to find out if your vote was counted.
- Do not feel rushed. Ask for help if needed.

### WHAT IF I WANT TO VOTE AT HOME?

- You must apply for a “vote by mail” ballot in writing. You can use the application on your Sample Ballot. Your request must be received by your county elections office at least one week before the election.
- If you want to be able to vote at home in every election, you can check the box for “permanent vote-by-mail voter.”
- Sign and mail in the completed ballot to arrive by election day. Or, you can drop it off at any polling place in your county.
- If you change your mind and want to vote at your polling place, you will be asked to hand in the vote by mail ballot first. Only one vote per person!

## YOUR RIGHTS

If you run into any problems or have questions on Election Day, call the Election Protection Hotline:

English: **1-866-687-8683**

Spanish: **1-888-839-8682**

Arabic: **1-844-925-5287**

- If the polls close while you're still in line, stay in line — you have the right to vote.
- If you make a mistake on your ballot, ask for a new one.
- If the machines are down at your polling place, ask for a paper ballot.

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