

VOTING RIGHTS

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS - SEPTEMBER EDITION

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“I need to register to vote.”

- States have different voter registration deadlines and requirements, so check what you need to do to register in your state well in advance of Election Day. Voter registration deadlines vary and some states allow individuals to register for the first time and cast ballots on Election Day.
- Check on **TurboVote!**
 - Voters can check their status, update their registration, or register to vote all in less than 10 minutes!

“I want to vote before Election Day.”

- What your rights say:
 - If you cannot vote in-person on Election Day, you may be able to vote early or by absentee vote-by-mail ballot.
 - Some states allow any voter to vote absentee; others have stricter requirements.
- Key Dates:
 - Oct. 07th: Deadline to register in person, by mail, and online
 - Oct. 8th: First day to vote early in person
 - Oct. 24th: Deadline to request a mail-in ballot
 - Nov. 4th: Last date to vote early in person
 - Nov. 5th: Election Day!

“I’m not sure what to bring to the polls.”

- Your state may require you to bring an ID or bring documents to show your residence, especially if you’re voting for the first time. Make sure you’re prepared.
 - Some forms of Valid ID are:
 - A valid Indiana driver's license
 - A state issued ID
 - Even your Crimson Card!

“I need to find my polling place.”

- Every state offers options to vote in-person on Election Day, even those that primarily conduct elections by mail.
 - Polls are open from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm on election day! You can find voting locations near your area via the TurboVote website!
- Make a plan for Election Day: When and where will you cast your vote, documents you may need to bring, and how will you get there?

“What are my general rights on Election Day?”

- What your rights say:
 - 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.
 - If you run into any problems or have questions on Election Day, call the Election Protection Hotline:
 - English: 1-866-OUR-VOTE / 1-866-687-8683
 - Spanish: 1-888-VE-Y-VOTA / 1-888-839-8682
 - Arabic: 1-844-YALLA-US / 1-844-925-5287
 - For Bengali, Cantonese, Hindi, Urdu, Korean, Mandarin, Tagalog, or Vietnamese: 1-888-274-8683

“Someone is interfering with my right to vote.”

- It’s illegal to intimidate voters and a federal crime to “intimidate, threaten, [or] coerce ... any other person for the purpose of interfering with the right of [that] other person to vote or to vote as he may choose.”
 - In many states, you can give a sworn statement to the poll worker that you satisfy the qualifications to vote in your state, and then proceed to cast a ballot.

“The poll worker says my name is not on the list of registered voters.”

- What your rights say:
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“I am a voter with a disability.”

- What your rights say:
 - Under federal law, all polling places for federal elections must be fully accessible to older adults and voters with disabilities. Simply allowing curbside voting is not enough to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility requirements.
 - In federal elections, every polling place must have at least one voting system that allows voters with disabilities to vote privately and independently.
 - Under federal law, voters with disabilities and voters who have difficulty reading or writing English have the right to receive in-person help at the polls from the person of their choice.

“I speak English less than very well.”

- Under federal law, voters who have difficulty reading or writing English may receive in-person assistance at the polls from the person of their choice. This person cannot be the voter's employer, an agent of the voter's employer, or an agent or officer of the voter's union.
- Counties covered by Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act are required to provide bilingual assistance to voters in specific languages.

Have you registered to vote yet?

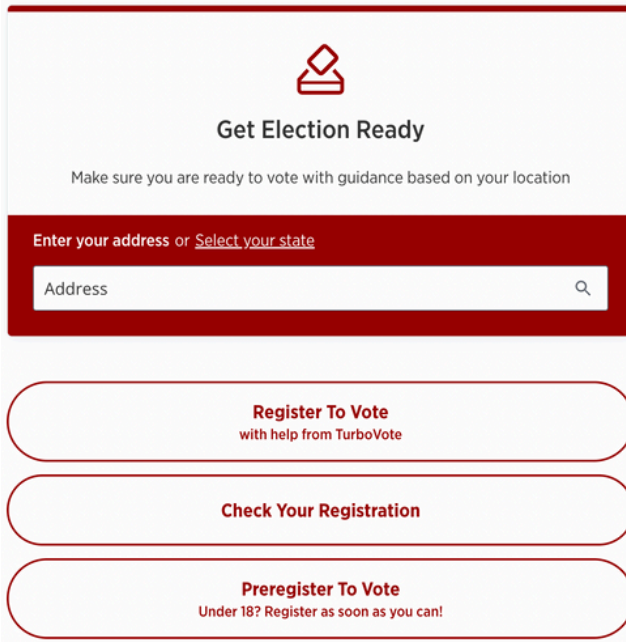
Use Turbo Vote!

We help you vote, no matter what.

Click [here](#) for a free Uber ride to vote and a ride back home. (For Monroe County residents only.)

Not affiliated with IU? You do not have to be an Indiana University student or employee to use this site. It is accessible to voters in all 50 states plus D.C.

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Press the QR Code to access the current version of IU Turbo Vote!

In collaboration with the Political and Civic Engagement (PACE) program and the Student Involvement and Leadership Center IUSG helps fund Turbo Vote to support voter registration and engagement.

1. **Information on Voting:** TurboVote offers detailed information on what students need to bring to the polls, where their polling place is, and what to expect on election day.
2. **Election Reminders:** Students can sign up for reminders about upcoming elections, including deadlines for registration, absentee ballots, and election days.
3. **Absentee Ballots:** For students who are studying out-of-state or away from their permanent residence, TurboVote provides information and support for voting by mail, voting early, and requesting absentee ballots.

Registering to vote is the first step in ensuring your voice is heard in shaping the policies and leaders that impact your community and future!



Register to Vote.

In times of political uncertainty, it's important to remember that democracy thrives on active participation. Voting is not just a right—it's a responsibility. Every voice matters, and together, we shape the future of our nation. Make sure your voice is heard by registering to vote, checking your registration, requesting a ballot to vote by mail, and more at iu.turbovote.org

For more resources and FAQs, visit vote.gov.

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