



## FAQs: Registration and Voting in Monroe County

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### Registration

| Question   | Answer  |
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| 1. I'm new to the area. How do I register to vote?   | Register to vote online at <a href="http://www.indianavoters.in.gov">www.indianavoters.in.gov</a> or by appointment at Election Central. Online registration requires the number from a valid Indiana state-issued ID. Election Central is located at 401 West 7 <sup>th</sup> St., Suite 100, Bloomington, IN 47404. |
| 2. I moved here after the last election. Do I have to change my registration?  | Yes. You can change your registration online at <a href="http://www.indianavoters.in.gov">www.indianavoters.in.gov</a> . Scroll down to "REGISTER TO VOTE" and click on "Apply Now."  |
| 3. How can I check to make sure I am registered?   | Go to <a href="http://www.indianavoters.in.gov">www.indianavoters.in.gov</a> . Scroll down to "CHECK VOTING STATUS" and click "Check Your Registration Record."   |
| 4. If I find out that something went wrong with my registration, how can I correct the mistake? By what date must I do it? | Call Election Central at 812-349-2690. Registration deadline is Mon. Oct. 11, 2022.   |

### Qualifications to Vote

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| 5. Am I able to vote in Monroe County if I moved here just before the election? | You must have lived in your current precinct for at least 30 days prior to the election. If you moved within the county, you can vote one time from your previous address. There is no need to show proof of address. |
| 6. If I am a convicted felon who has served my time, can I vote in Indiana?     | You may vote in Indiana after being convicted of a felony if you have been released from prison.  |
| 7. I'm 17 now, but I'll be 18 at the next election. Is that old enough to vote? | Yes. You must be 18 years old on or before the next general or municipal election (Nov. 8, 2023).   |

### Voting Information

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| 8. How can I find out where I must go to vote?  | Go to <a href="http://www.indianavoters.in.gov">www.indianavoters.in.gov</a> . Scroll down to “VOTING LOCATION” and click on “Find Your Polling Place.”  |
| 9. How can I get correct information about voting times and eligibility to vote?              | Go to <a href="http://www.indianavoters.in.gov">www.indianavoters.in.gov</a> . Scroll down and click on “VISIT MY VOTER PORTAL.” /or/<br>Go to <a href="http://www.lwv-bmc.org/">www.lwv-bmc.org/</a> . Click on “Voter Quick Start.”  |
| 10. How can I find out who is running for what office?  | Go to <a href="http://www.indianavoters.in.gov">www.indianavoters.in.gov</a> . Scroll down and click on “VISIT MY VOTER PORTAL.” /or/<br>Go to <a href="http://www.vote411.org/ballot">www.vote411.org/ballot</a> . Under “VOTE411 Voter Guide” click “Enter My Address.”  |
| 11. What is a provisional ballot? If I need to cast one, how can I make sure it gets counted? | If questions arise about your qualification to vote in the precinct where you understand you are registered, you may cast a provisional ballot. It will be kept separate from the other ballots, and you will be told what to do to correct the situation. The election board makes the final decision on which provisional ballots can be counted.                                    |
| 12. What is early voting, who can do it, and when does it begin and end?                      | Early voting is the period of time when you can vote before Election Day. In 2022 this is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wed. Oct. 12 – Fri. Nov. 4; weekdays from 8 am – 6 pm</li> <li>• Sat. Oct. 29 and Sat. Nov. 5 from 9 am – 4 pm</li> <li>• Mon. Nov. 7 from 8 am – noon</li> </ul> See <a href="http://www.monroecountyvoters.us/">www.monroecountyvoters.us/</a> . |
| 13. How do I get nonpartisan information on candidates?                                       | Nonpartisan information is available at <a href="https://www.lwv-bmc.org">https://www.lwv-bmc.org</a> . Click on “VOTE411” and/or “Keys to the Candidates.”  |

### Voting by Absentee Ballot

| Question  | Answer  |
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| 14. What are the different ways you can vote absentee in Indiana? | Indiana voters have access to three types of absentee voting: in-person (early voting), mail, or Traveling Board.<br><br>Military and overseas voters can also vote absentee.<br>Go to <a href="http://www.in.gov/sos/elections/2673.htm">www.in.gov/sos/elections/2673.htm</a> |

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| 15. How do I vote absentee by mail? Is a special ID required or are there other special qualifications?                   | <p>In Indiana, you must complete an Application for Absentee Ballot by Mail (ABS-Mail). You must have one of the 11 “excuses” listed at <a href="http://www.in.gov/sos/elections/2402.htm">www.in.gov/sos/elections/2402.htm</a>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply for an absentee ballot at <a href="http://www.indianavoters.in.gov/MVPHome/PrintDocuments">www.indianavoters.in.gov/MVPHome/PrintDocuments</a> /or/ request an application from Election Central at 401 West 7<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 100, Bloomington, IN 47404; 812-349-2690.</li> <li>• No special ID is required to vote by mail. After you receive and complete your ballot, be sure to sign the ballot <u>envelope</u>, because your signature is checked against the signature on your registration.</li> </ul> |
| 16. When are absentee ballots due?  | Absentee ballots are due at Election Central by 6 pm on Election Day, Nov. 8.  |
| 17. What is Traveling Board voting?   | <p>It is another way to vote absentee. This option is for voters who have difficulty leaving their residence. Once you complete an absentee ballot application, you can schedule a date for two Travel Board members, one from each major party, to bring a ballot to you. They can help you fill it out, if needed. When you are finished, they will take it to Election Central to be counted. Go to <a href="https://www.in.gov/idr/2598.htm">https://www.in.gov/idr/2598.htm</a> for more information and the application for Traveling Board.</p>   |
| 18. I’m over 65 and have never voted absentee. How can I vote absentee?   | <p>This is one of the “excuses” that can be used to vote absentee. Download an absentee ballot application at <a href="http://www.indianavoters.in.gov">www.indianavoters.in.gov</a> or request an absentee ballot from Election Central. You can return your ballot to Election Central at the dates and times below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wed. Oct. 12 – Fri. Nov. 4; weekdays from 8 am – 6 pm</li> <li>• Sat. Oct. 29 and Sat. Nov. 5 from 9 am – 4 pm</li> <li>• Mon. Nov. 7 from 8 am – 6 pm</li> </ul>  |
| 19. I’m younger than 65 and not disabled. I’m afraid to endanger my health by voting in person. Can I vote absentee? How? | <p>Indiana has no provision for you to vote absentee unless you have one of the 11 “excuses” listed at <a href="http://www.in.gov/sos/elections/2402.htm">www.in.gov/sos/elections/2402.htm</a>.</p> <p>You can vote in-person at Election Operations (302 S. Walnut Street) when they are less likely to be busy during early voting, which is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wed. Oct. 12 – Fri. Nov. 4; weekdays from 8 am – 6 pm</li> <li>• Sat. Oct. 29 and Sat. Nov. 5 from 9 am – 4 pm</li> <li>• Mon. Nov. 7 from 8 am – noon</li> </ul>  |

## Voting in Person

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| 20. What about voting early in person and do I need a special ID or any other special qualifications?      | To vote early in person, you will need to show a photo ID, issued by the state of Indiana or the federal government. It must have an expiration date, valid since the last general election. (Examples include Indiana driver's license, state-issued ID card, U.S. Passport, military ID, state university/college ID). Your name on the ID must conform to the name on your registration. Any registered voter can vote early. Dates and times are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wed. Oct. 12 – Fri. Nov. 4; weekdays from 8 am – 6 pm</li> <li>• Sat. Oct. 29 and Sat. Nov. 5 from 9 am – 4 pm</li> <li>• Mon. Nov. 7 from 8 am – noon</li> </ul> |
| 21. Suppose I go to the polling place on Election Day, and I'm told I'm not registered. What do I do then? | If questions arise about your qualification to vote in the precinct where you understand you are registered, you may cast a provisional ballot. It will be kept separate from the other ballots, and you will be told what to do to correct the situation. The Monroe County Election Board makes the final decision on which provisional ballots can be counted.  |

## Other Topics

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| <b>GERRYMANDERING</b><br>22. What is gerrymandering and how does it affect my vote?  | Gerrymandering is the drawing of district election maps to favor a particular political party. According to the Brennan Center for Justice, gerrymandering can involve drawing districts to protect incumbents or to ensure a favored candidate successfully runs for office. For the party in power, redistricting after a census has been completed presents an opportunity to create or eradicate partisan gerrymandering.   |
| <b>POST-ELECTION AUDIT</b><br>23. What is a "risk-limiting post-election audit"? Do they conduct a post-election audit here? | A risk-limiting audit (RLA) of the tabulation of an election contest checks some voted paper ballots or voter-verifiable paper records in search of strong evidence that the reported contest outcome was correct – if it was. A risk-limiting audit can stop as soon as it finds strong evidence that the reported outcome was correct. Or, if the reported outcome was wrong because ballots were miscounted in the tabulation, an RLA is very likely to lead to a full recount that corrects the outcome.<br><br>So far Monroe County has not announced plans to conduct an RLA. |
| <b>STUDENT VOTING</b><br>24. Can college students vote in Bloomington?   | Yes. Students are allowed to vote in Bloomington if they are registered to vote in Monroe County and have an Indiana driver's license or state-issued ID card. Indiana University and Ivy Tech IDs can be accepted, as long as they meet the requirements, as outlined in the answer to Question #20. Election workers cannot accept identification issued by another state for voters who wish to cast a ballot in Indiana.  |