

Election Information for Voting in Wisconsin

Wisconsin Polling Locations and Sample Ballots

Go to the website myvote.wi.gov and click on Find My Polling Place. Type your address.

Then click What's On My Ballot to see your sample ballot.

On the same site you can check your voter registration, register to vote if you have a Wisconsin ID or Wisconsin driver license, and request an absentee ballot.

If you have changed your address since you last voted, go to the Wisconsin Department of Motor Vehicles site, wisconsindot.gov, to change your address. Then you may reregister to vote on the myvote.wi.gov website. You can also register to vote using a paper form at your village or city hall or download a form and mail it in along with proof of residency. During the 21 days before each election, you can only register to vote at your village or city hall or when you go to vote at early voting or on Election Day.

Information about Candidates

Website created by the League of Women Voters: vote411.org

Click big blue box to the right, What's on Your Ballot? Type your address and click Submit.

Click on Show My Races. If bar is not dark blue, retype address. Click Show My Races again. It is not necessary to declare a party.

Click on one of the races to view the candidates and their responses to questions submitted by the League of Women Voters.

Website from Wisconsin media: wisconsinvote.org

Definitions

Partisan - *an adherent or supporter of a person, group, party, or cause... usually associated with a political party in elections.*

Non-partisan – *not controlled by a political party, special interest group or the like.*

Primary Election – election to nominate candidates for the general election. The top two candidates for all seats, or the top vote-getter for each political party, go on the general election.

General Election - *a regularly scheduled local, state or national election in which voters elect office holders. (All definitions from dictionary.com.)*

What to Expect at the Polling Place

To vote you must be registered to vote at your current address. If you are not registered or have moved and did not reregister, bring proof of residency with you, a document such as a utility bill, bank statement, or any government-issued document that shows your name and new address. If the address on your ID is current, that is sufficient. You can also register or reregister to vote during early voting or on Election Day at your polling place.

The following is from the website, bringit.wi.gov.

State It

As always you will need to state your full name and address for the election official who checks you in. They'll check your information in the poll book. Understandably, some people are uneasy about announcing their name in public, but it is the law, and it helps ensure openness in elections.

Show It

Now it is time to show your photo ID. That way, poll workers can compare your face to your photo and confirm that you are really you.

The address on your ID does not have to be current. And the name on your ID doesn't need to be an exact match for your name in the poll book. (So, Richards who go by Rich, Bobs who are also Roberts and Susans with IDs that say Sue can relax.) Of course, there are certain requirements. Your ID should look like you. In addition, some forms of ID must be current (not expired).

Sign It

Finally, you'll sign the poll book (unless a physical disability prevents it). Your signature or mark should go right next to your name and address. Now you're ready to vote.

Filling Out Your Ballot

Instructions are posted in the voting booth about how to mark the ballot. Use the pen provided. If you are unsure about what to do, ask a poll worker.

If you make a mistake, take your ballot back to the table where you received it to get a new ballot.

You are allowed have someone help you. That person will sign the bottom of your ballot in the space provided.