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New York State Board of Elections celebrates National Voter Registration Day 2026

ALBANY, N.Y. (09/15/2026) – The New York State Board of Elections is proud to join with the state’s county boards of elections and election officials across the country today in celebrating National Voter Registration Day. Founded in 2012, National Voter Registration Day is a nonpartisan civic holiday dedicated to celebrating participation in the democratic process and reminding Americans to register to vote in advance of upcoming fall elections.

On this important day, the New York State Board of Elections reaffirms its commitment to making the registration process accessible, transparent, and secure for all eligible New Yorkers. Whether registering for the first time or updating information, voters are encouraged to take a few minutes to confirm their status and make any necessary updates before the upcoming registration deadline on **October 24, 2026**.

“Our elections are strongest when every eligible voter has the opportunity to make their voice heard,” said Kristen Zebrowski Stavisky, Co-Executive Director of the State Board of Elections. “Whether you’re registering for the first time, updating your information after a move, or helping a friend or family member get registered, every action taken today helps strengthen civic participation across our state.”

“The right to vote is one of the cornerstones of our democracy, and National Voter Registration Day is an opportunity to remind eligible New Yorkers that participating in our elections begins with registering to vote,” said Raymond J. Riley III, Co-Executive Director of the State Board of Elections. “Our goal is to ensure that every eligible voter has access to accurate information and the resources they need to confidently participate in the electoral process.”

To register to vote in New York State, an individual must be a U.S. citizen who is at least 18 years old and a resident of the state and county, city, or village for at least thirty days prior to the election. The individual may not be incarcerated for a felony conviction or adjudged to be mentally incompetent by a court. Lastly, the individual may not claim the right to vote elsewhere. Pre-registration is available to 16- and 17-year-olds, but they are unable to vote until they turn 18 years of age.

Eligible New Yorkers may register to vote through the New York State Board of Elections’ [online voter registration portal](#), in person at their county board of elections or any state agency designated as a National Voter Registration Act site (such as the Department of Motor Vehicles), or via mail. A voter can update their registration using those same methods. To check registration status, voters are encouraged to use the State Board’s [Voter Lookup application](#).

The 2026 General Election is November 3, 2026. Early Voting will occur from October 24, 2026, through November 1, 2026. For information about registering to vote, requesting a ballot, or finding your polling place, voters should visit the New York State Board of Elections’ website at <https://elections.ny.gov/>.

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