

# Get out the vote in Texas

**Election Day: November 3**

## Why should you vote?

Voting is one of the most powerful ways to make your voice heard in our democracy, but in 2016, 43% of the eligible voting-age population (nearly 100 million Americans) did *not* cast a vote for president; and 38.6% did *not* vote for any office.

In 2016, the Black voter turnout rate declined for the first time in 20 years in a presidential election, falling from a record-high 66.6% in 2012 to 59.6% in 2016.

## Texas's absentee and mail-in voting procedures

### Permanent absentee / mail-in voting procedures:

- Excuse required to request an absentee ballot

### 2020 state absentee / mail-in voting status:

- No announced changes to voting procedures due to the coronavirus pandemic.



## How can you register to vote in Texas?

To register to vote, visit <https://blackedeconomicalliance.org/register-to-vote/>



**Register**

For more information on voter eligibility you can also visit the State Board of Elections website.

**State Election Office**

<https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/index.shtml>



## Deadlines to know for voting in Texas

### Voter registration deadline:

**October 4, 2020**

Thirty days before an election.

### Early in-person voting deadlines:

Early in-person voting **begins 22 days before the election.**

In-person absentee voting **ends 4 days before the Election.**

### Absentee / Mail-In voting ballot deadlines:

Request must be received by

**October 23, 2020**

11 days before the election

### Ballot submission deadline:

Postmarked by 7:00 pm on November 3, 2020 (Election Day) and received by 5:00 pm November 4, 2020.

## Voter ID Requirements

### Cast a regular ballot if you present:

Photo ID (current or expired up to 4 years, unless you are 70 years or older):

- TX driver's license
- TX Election ID Certificate
- TX Personal ID Card
- Handgun License
- Military ID Card
- US Passport Book or Card • US Citizenship Certificate\*

### If you do not have one of the above, then show:

- Voter registration certificate, or
- Certified US birth certificate, or
- Current utility bill or bank statement, paycheck, or government document including check\*\* or

Any other government document showing the voter's name and an address **AND**

Complete and sign reasonable impediment declaration\*

\*\* with voter's name and ANY address

## Verify Your Registration



**Verify**