

Can I get a ballot in my native language? Ballots are available in English, Japanese, Chinese, and Ilocano. You may bring a person of your choice into the polling booth with you to help you with translation.

What if I have a disability? Polling locations strive to be accessible to all voters, and a variety of disability accommodations are available. Assistive devices for the hearing, sight, or mobility impaired are available at the polling station. Most polling places are set up to allow curbside voting for persons with disabilities. To request curbside assistance, please honk your horn when you drive up, or have someone notify the Voter Assistance Official that you are requesting curbside voting assistance. If you have any concerns about disability accommodation, please contact the Office of Elections.

What if I need help in the voting booth? You may bring any helper in the polling booth, with the exception of your employer or agent of your union. Poll workers can help in the polling booth, provided that there are 2 poll workers present and the poll workers are not of the same party affiliation.

What if I am transgender? You have the right to vote even if you cannot provide photo identification or if you have multiple forms of ID with different gender designations. So long as you are properly registered to vote, you cannot be denied a ballot because the poll worker does not believe that your name, dress, or appearance “match” the gender listed on your ID.

You should be treated with respect and courtesy at the polling place by poll workers – no questions about your gender expression, body, or medical treatment are ever appropriate. Remember, poll workers’ only job is to ensure that the person presenting themselves to vote is the registered voter in their records. Feel free to ask the poll book worker to consult the “Voter

Assistance Official” at the precinct or the Precinct Chair if there is any concern.

How do I find out about the candidates? Visit candidate websites, attend candidate debates and fora, and see if organizations you support also do any candidate assessments or make any endorsements (the ACLU of Hawai‘i is non-partisan and never endorses candidates).

What if I’ve been convicted of a crime?

You can vote:

- Even if you are currently incarcerated for a misdemeanor conviction. You cannot vote if you are in prison for a felony conviction (the ACLU would like to change that. Follow us on social media as we work on this and other important local issues).
- If you have been charged with a felony crime and are out on bail, and have not been convicted.
- If you are a pre-trial detainee.
- If you are on parole or probation (including felony convictions). You regain your right to vote when you complete your jail or prison sentence, but you still must (re)register.

What if I don’t have an address? You can vote even if you don’t have a fixed address. See <https://acluhi.org/homelesskyr/>

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MORE INFORMATION

- ACLU of Hawai‘i:
<http://www.acluhi.org>
office@acluhawaii.org
P.O. Box 3410, Hon., HI 96801
- Hawai‘i Office of Elections:
<http://elections.hawaii.gov/>
Find your polling place: <https://olvr.hawaii.gov/altpollingplacesearch.aspx>.
- The League of Women Voters of Hawai‘i:
<http://www.lwv-hawaii.com/>
- Common Cause Hawai‘i:
<https://www.commoncause.org/hawaii/>
- ACLU Voting Rights Project:
<https://www.aclu.org/issues/voting-rights>

Has your right to vote been violated?

Use the web form found at www.acluhi.org (see “need legal help?”) or write: ACLU of Hawai‘i, P.O. Box 3410, Honolulu, HI 96801.

Hawai‘i State Office of Elections, 802 Lehua Ave., Pearl City, HI 96782 or elections@hawaii.gov.

2018 ELECTION DATES & DEADLINES

Elections:

Primary: Saturday, August 11
General: Tuesday, November 6

Voter Registration Deadline:

Primary: Thursday, July 12
General: Tuesday, October 9

Mail Ballot Request Deadline:

Primary: Saturday, August 4
General: Tuesday, October 30

Early Walk In Voting:

Primary: Mon., July 30 – Thu., August 9
General: Tue., October 23 – Sat., November 3.



Aloha!

The right to vote is fundamental, and the American Civil Liberties Union (“ACLU”) works throughout the nation to defend it.

NEW FOR 2018: Hawai‘i voters can take advantage of SAME DAY VOTER REGISTRATION.

Established in 1965, the ACLU of Hawai‘i works in the courts, with lawmakers, and in our communities to advance and protect the rights guaranteed in the U.S. & Hawai‘i Constitutions. The ACLU is strictly non-partisan and never endorses candidates or parties. This guide was updated on June 26, 2018.

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VOTING RIGHTS ARE CIVIL RIGHTS

In a democratic nation, voting is a right, not a privilege! Attempts to suppress voters' rights, often through discriminatory practices, have made it all the more important for us all to know and defend our right to vote! Vote to empower yourself, your family and your community. Vote so that the needs of your community are addressed by the government. Vote because your voice is important and deserves to be heard.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

- Register to vote by mail or online prior to the registration deadline. However, if you miss the mail registration deadline, you can still register in person at any Early Walk In Voting location or at your polling place on election day.

- You must be:

- a Hawai'i resident
- a U.S. citizen
- at least 18 years old (at the time of election – you can pre-register at 16 but cannot vote until you are 18)

- Vote, either in person or through an absentee ballot, as long as you are properly registered.

- Vote without providing a driver's license or other government-issued identification card (unless you are a first-time voter who did not show I.D. while registering).

- Vote for anyone you want. No one has the right to force, manipulate, or review your vote! You have the right to make your own voting decisions in secret. During Primary Elections, however, you have to choose one political party on your ballot and select only candidates from that political party.

- Get another ballot if you make a mistake.

- Leave work for a maximum of 2 hours for the

sole purpose of voting on Election Day if it is not possible for you to vote before or after your scheduled shift.

- Be accommodated at the polls if you are disabled. If you wish, you may bring someone with you in the polling booth to assist.

- Challenge decisions of the county clerk or precinct official.

- Challenge another person's right to vote on the basis of identity and/or residency.

- Register and vote if you are homeless. So long as you meet the requirements to vote, your housing status does not affect your right to vote. You may register and vote whether homeless, permanently or temporarily housed, or if you are living in a shelter, halfway house, or any other non-permanent housing.

- If you have questions about sign-waving and other free speech activities, please see our First Amendment Toolkit at www.acluhi.org.

GETTING REGISTERED

Online: <http://www.olvr.hawaii.gov>. Update existing voter registration, confirm voter registration address, or request to vote by mail.

Mail: Print and submit a completed *Hawai'i Absentee Application* to vote by mail in a specific election cycle. Already registered and want mail-in ballots for all future elections (also called absentee ballots)? Use a *Voter Registration & Permanent Absentee Application*.

If mailing in your application, you will be asked to provide a photocopy of physical identification. The following are acceptable forms of ID:

- Hawai'i Driver License
- Hawai'i State ID
- Military ID
- Passport

- Current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government issued document showing name and address.

If you do not provide proof of identification with your application, you will be required to do so at your polling place or with the mail-in ballot that you will receive from your Clerk's Office approximately twenty (20) days before the election.

What if I miss the application deadline? Don't worry! You can still register to vote using Early Walk-In Voting or Election Day Registration!

What if I do not have a fixed address (homeless/houseless)? Here is how you can fill in the spaces on the application for "where you live" and "mailing address:"

Where you live: if you are homeless, where you live could be as simple as "the bench at the Ewa end of Ala Moana park." A line on the form will allow you to put in a general description of where you live.

Mailing address: you must provide a mailing address also, so the office of elections can send you your (precinct) cards. However, this could be anywhere – a P.O. box, a friend or family member's house, etc. Some shelters allow residents to use their address as well.

What if I moved or changed my name? If you have moved or changed your name since the last time you voted, you must re-register.

How do I know whether I am registered? If you do not know your current registration status, call the Office of Elections at (808) 453- 8683, or visit <https://olvr.hawaii.gov/>

VOTING

Where do I vote? Visit <https://elections.hawaii.gov/voters/polling-places/> or look for a yellow Notice of Voter Registration and Address Confirmation (NVRAC) card. *You may not vote at another polling location, but you may drop off an absentee ballot at any polling location.* If you did not receive an NVRAC card with your polling location, you may not be properly registered and you should contact the Office of Elections or your Clerk's Office.

Voting early? If you cannot visit your polling location on the official primary or general election date(s), you can still vote in person at any Early Walk-In Voting location.

Voting by mail? Mail-in ballots must be received by the close of polls on election day. A completed and sealed absentee ballot can be dropped off by anyone (even if not the voter) at any polling place. Don't forget, however, that the voter must sign the outside of the ballot!

Do I have to show photo ID? No, so long as you are properly registered to vote and have voted in the past. If you do not provide I.D., you will be asked to provide your birthday and residence address (or area if you do not have an address) to corroborate the information provided in the poll book. If a poll worker is unfamiliar with this process and tries to stop you from voting because you do not have a photo ID, ask to speak with a Voter Assistance Official. If that person can't help you, ask them to contact the Office of Elections hotline.

If it is your first time voting, and you registered without showing identification, you are required to show proof of identification, which may include: a state-issued driver's license or photo ID card, passport, current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document showing your name and address.