

Voter Registration in Missouri

General Information

Who Can Register to Vote?

Any citizen of the United States who is a resident of the state of Missouri and seventeen years and six months of age or older. You must be eighteen (18) years of age on or before the day of the particular election to be eligible to vote in that election. The following are exceptions: a person who is adjudged incapacitated; a person who is confined under a sentence of imprisonment; a person who is on probation or parole after a conviction of a felony until final discharge; a person after a conviction of a felony or misdemeanor connected with the right of suffrage.

Identification of Registrants

It is preferred that a person present identification when registering to vote for the first time such as:

- a birth certificate;
- proof of U.S. citizenship;
- a valid Missouri drivers license; or
- other personal identification.

However, anyone that registers to vote at a voter registration drive will not receive their voter identification card until they have presented identification to the County Clerk's office or has shown proper identification when voting for the first time.

Online Look-Up and Registration

Voters can confirm their voter registration:

<https://s1.sos.mo.gov/elections/voterlookup/>

Register to vote or update registration online at:

<https://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/goVoteMissouri/register>



The staff of the Cape Girardeau County Clerk's Office is committed to maintaining the highest ethical standard while providing efficient and helpful service.

Please contact our office with any questions or concerns. We are here to serve you!

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Voter Registration Deadlines

Voter registration applications must be postmarked or received in the County Clerk's Office by the 4th Wednesday prior to Election Day.

Obtaining Voter Registration Applications

Any individual or organization conducting voter registration drives may obtain and use uniform, pre-printed state applications. These applications can be obtained through your local county clerk/election authority. The request must be in writing and include the requester's name, address, and telephone number.

Contact the Cape Girardeau County Clerk's Office for applications.

Requests for a large number of applications should be made through the Missouri Secretary of State's Office.

Handling Applications

Incomplete Applications: Do not fill in any missing information on a registration form unless you have permission from the applicant.

Missouri law prohibits any person who agrees or offers to submit a voter registration application for another person from knowingly destroying, defacing, or concealing such voter registration applications.

Submitting Applications

Anyone who offers to submit a completed voter registration application on another's behalf must do so within seven (7) days of accepting or receiving the application.

The Cape Girardeau County Clerk's office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

Training Requirement

Missouri law does not require training for registration drives. Please contact the Cape Girardeau County Clerk's Office or Missouri Secretary of State's Office if you have any questions.

Registration Requirements of Voter Registration Solicitors

Any person who is paid or is otherwise compensated for soliciting more than ten voter registration applications in an election cycle must be registered with the Secretary of State as a Voter Registration Solicitor.

Any paid registration solicitor must be at least eighteen years of age and registered to vote in the state of Missouri. (Section 115.205.1 RSMo.)

Volunteers are not required to provide any information or notification to the Missouri Secretary of State or other election official about their voter registration drive activities.

Compensation Restrictions

It is against the law to pay or compensate any person for registering voters based on:

- The number of voters they register
- The number of voter registration applications they collect
- The number of voter registration applications they submit to election officials

More information about these laws can be found in Chapter 115 of the Missouri Revised Statutes.