

2020

Election dates

Voting in Jail 2020

- **January 17**
Absentee voting begins
- **February 11**
Pre-registration ends at 5 p.m.
- **March 3**
Presidential nomination primary day
polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.**
- **June 26**
Absentee voting begins
- **July 21**
Pre-registration ends at 5 p.m.
- **August 11**
Primary election day
polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.**
- **September 18**
Absentee voting begins
- **October 13**
Pre-registration ends at 5 p.m.
- **November 3**
General election day
polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

** Absentee ballots must be postmarked by November 3 and received by November 10.

Your criminal record does NOT affect your right to vote in Minnesota UNLESS you're currently serving a felony conviction sentence, including probation, parole or supervised release.

Ask your corrections officer for an absentee ballot. The Hennepin County Elections Office will then mail an absentee ballot to you. The ballot should be mailed back to the Elections Office once completed.

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Am I eligible?

To be able to vote, you need to be:

1. An U.S. citizen;
2. At least 18 years old on Election Day;
3. A resident of Minnesota for 20 days;
4. Finished with all parts of any felony sentence on Election Day;
5. NOT ruled by court as legally incompetent.

Note: If you are going to be in jail on Election Day, not yet convicted, and cleared from former felony sentences (if any), your status satisfies requirement 4.

Not sure about your legal status?

Sometimes the difference between a felony charge and a felony conviction is confusing. Talk to an attorney to find out more about your legal status.

Already registered?

If you are registered, and your name and address did not have not changed, you can communicate with your corrections officer and ask for an Absentee Voting application. Once the Elections Office receives your application, an absentee ballot will be mailed to you. Complete the ballot and mail it back.

Not yet registered?

You should also communicate with your corrections officer and ask for an Absentee Voting application. Once the Elections Office receives your application, an absentee ballot will be mailed to you together with voter registration materials.

You need a permanent address (the facility's address does not qualify) to successfully register. You would also need to know your Driver's License number, State ID number, or social security number.

Can I vote if...

I was charged with or convicted of a misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor?

YES

I'm in jail, but am not currently serving a felony sentence?

YES

I've been charged with a felony, but I haven't been convicted?

YES

I've been given a stay of adjudication?

YES

I finished all parts of my felony sentence in another state?

YES

I finished all parts of my felony sentence, including probation or parole?

YES

I'm currently serving a felony sentence, including probation or parole?

NO

My stay of adjudication was revoked and I'm currently serving a felony sentence?

NO