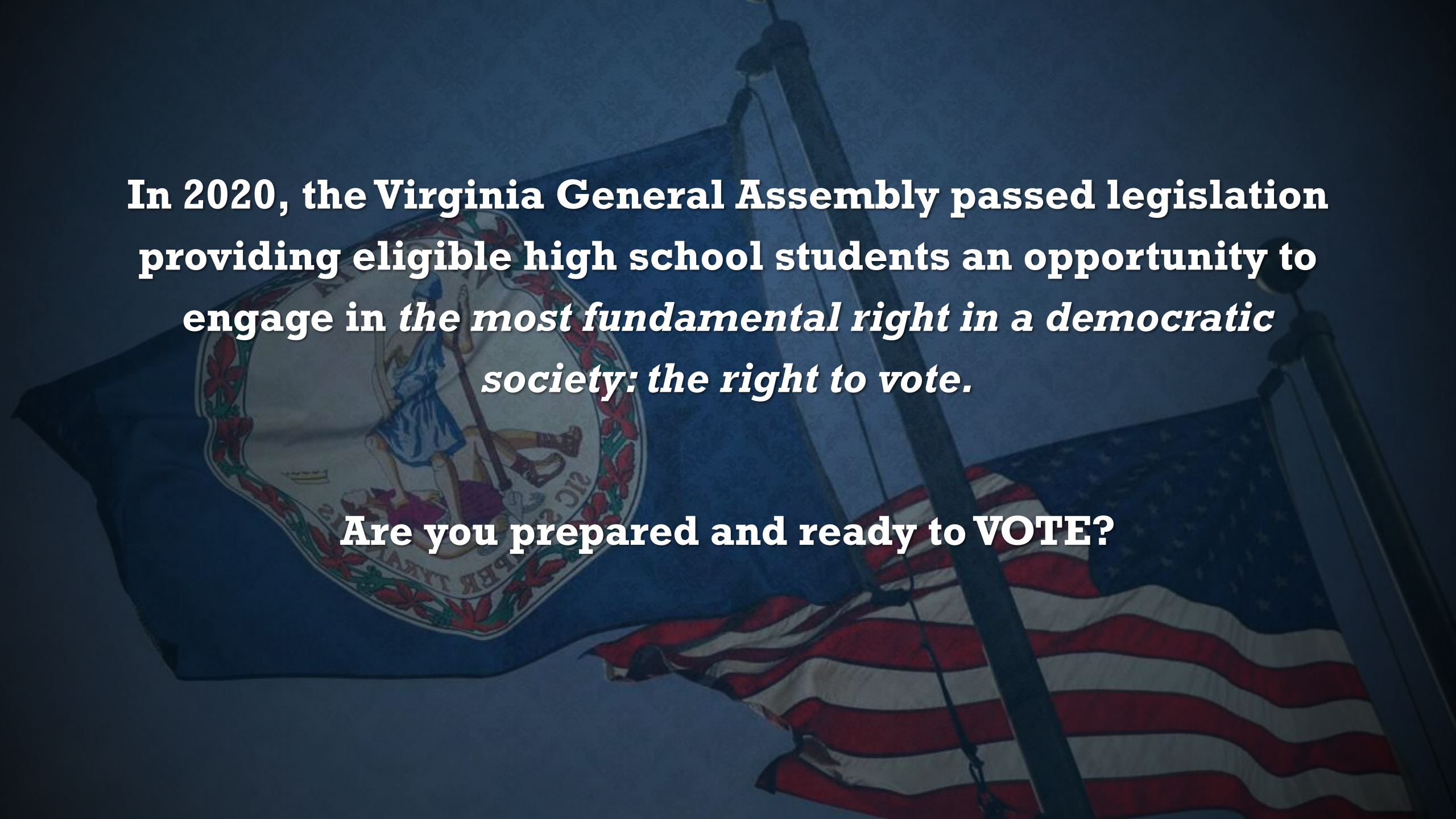


# STUDENT VOTER REGISTRATION

**Planning for the Most Essential  
Act of Civic Engagement**



**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**



**In 2020, the Virginia General Assembly passed legislation providing eligible high school students an opportunity to engage in *the most fundamental right in a democratic society: the right to vote.***

**Are you prepared and ready to VOTE?**

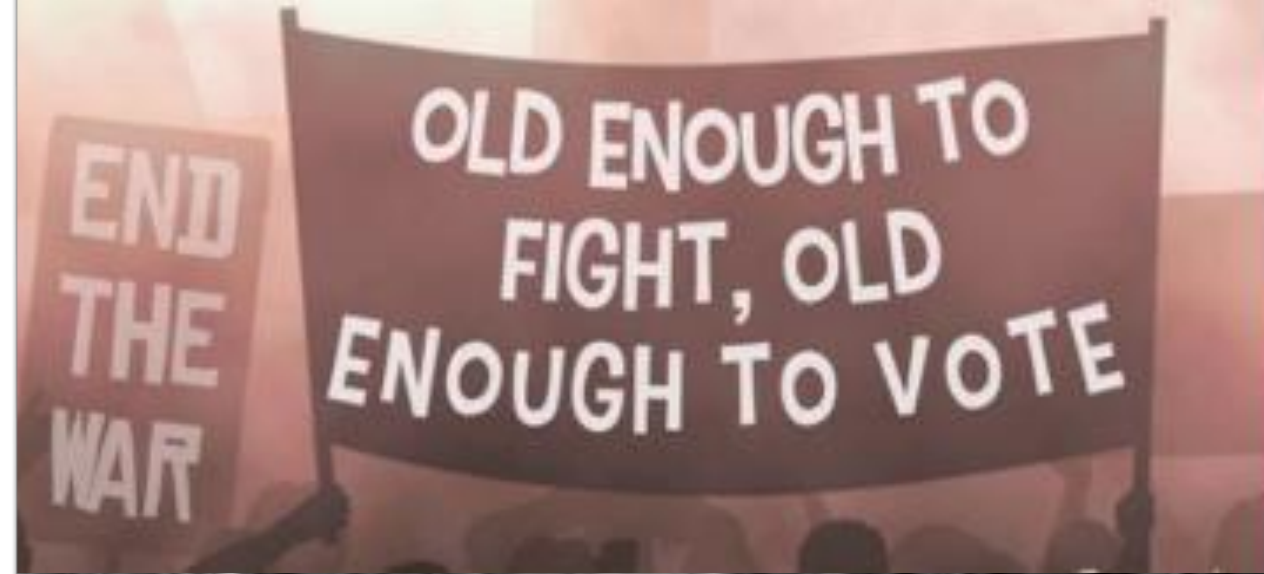
# **ACTIONS OF THE 2020 VA GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

§ 22.1-203.4. Public high schools; Virginia voter registration.

Each public high school shall provide to any enrolled student who is of voting age or is eligible to register to vote pursuant to § [24.2-403](#) (i) mail voter registration applications and voter registration information provided by the Department of Elections or (ii) access to the Virginia online voter registration system on a school-owned computing device that is accessible to such student. Each student who is eligible to register to vote shall be provided the opportunity to complete an application form during the normal course of the school day.

# BACKGROUND

During the Vietnam War on July 5, 1971, the 26<sup>th</sup> Amendment was formally certified, and the voting age was officially lowered from 21 to 18.



# EVERY VOTE MATTERS

2019 – Boston City Council At-Large decided by 1 vote

2018 – Baltimore County Executive primary election decided by 17 votes.

2017 – Virginia House of Delegates (District 94) close vote; recount resulted in a tied; **decided by picking a name out of a bowl.**

2016 – Vermont state House seat decided by 1 vote.

2004 - A special election in Radford, Va., for commonwealth's attorney was **decided by one vote.**

1882: - VA-1: Robert M. Mayo defeated Democrat George T. Garrison, 10,505 to 10,504.

# WHO CAN REGISTER TO VOTE IN VIRGINIA?

- Be a resident of Virginia (a person who has come to Virginia for temporary purposes and intends to return to another state is not considered a resident for voting purposes).
- Be a U. S. Citizen.
- Be 18 years old (any person who is 17 years old and will be eighteen years of age at the next general election shall be permitted to register in advance and vote in any intervening primary or special election).
- Not currently declared mentally incompetent by a court of law.



# HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE

Obtain a Registration Application at the following locations:

- Online Registration
- Local voter registration office
- Download a PDF copy of the registration form
- Armed forces recruitment offices
- Public libraries
- Virginia Department of Elections office
- Department of Motor Vehicles offices

# REGISTER TO VOTE SUCCESSFULLY

- Complete all information blocks on the application. If any information requested does not apply to you, indicate such by writing the word "NONE" or "NA" in that space.
- Sign and date the registration application.
- Submit your completed application by mailing it to the appropriate address listed on the application or delivering it to your local registration office.



# CAN YOU REGISTER TO VOTE ONLINE?

**Yes**, if you have a Virginia driver's license, a learners' permit, or other DMV ID, you can!  
If not, then you can begin the registration process online.

You will, however, need to print out the application and mail it in.

Mail your application to:

Virginia Department of Elections  
Washington Building  
1100 Bank Street, First Floor  
Richmond, VA 23219  
Phone 804-864-8901  
Email: [info@elections.virginia.gov](mailto:info@elections.virginia.gov)

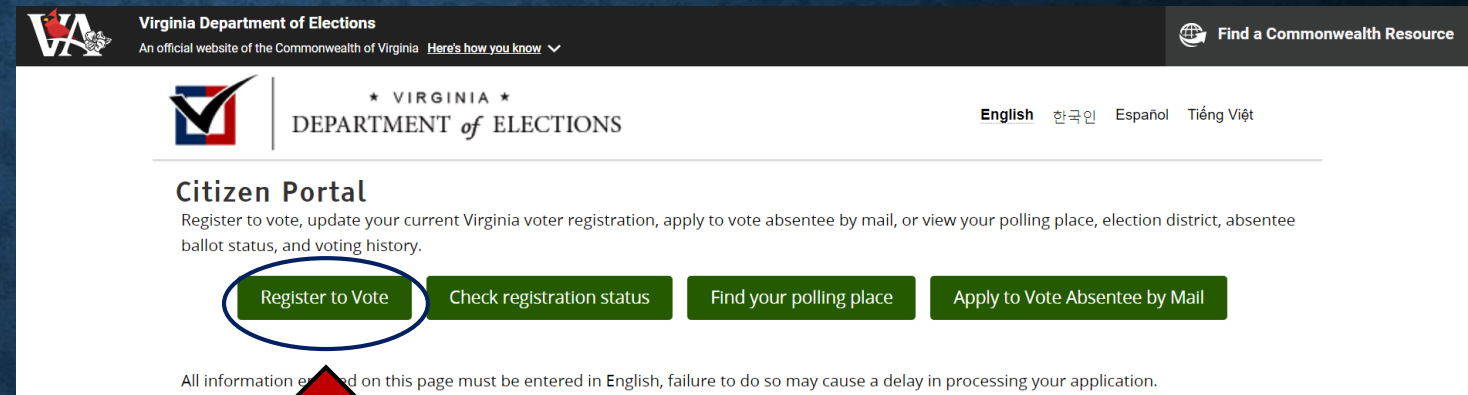
A high-angle, close-up photograph of a person's hands typing on a silver laptop keyboard. The person is wearing a grey, textured knit sweater. The scene is set on a light-colored desk with a white cup of coffee in the bottom foreground. The background is softly blurred, showing a pen and a notebook. The overall lighting is cool and dim, creating a focused and professional atmosphere.

# ONLINE REGISTRATION

# HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE ONLINE

## Voter Online Registration Application

- Go to the Citizen Portal at <https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation>
- Select Register to Vote.
- You will need the number on your driver's license, learner's permit, or a Virginia ID from the DMV



The screenshot shows the Virginia Department of Elections website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Virginia Department of Elections logo and the text "An official website of the Commonwealth of Virginia Here's how you know". Below this is the "Citizen Portal" section, which includes the text "Register to vote, update your current Virginia voter registration, apply to vote absentee by mail, or view your polling place, election district, absentee ballot status, and voting history." Below this text are four green buttons: "Register to Vote", "Check registration status", "Find your polling place", and "Apply to Vote Absentee by Mail". The "Register to Vote" button is circled in blue, and a large red arrow points to it from below. At the bottom of the page, there is a disclaimer: "All information entered on this page must be entered in English, failure to do so may cause a delay in processing your application."

# ONLINE REGISTRATION

First name\*  Last name\*

Virginia Driver's license or State ID\*   I do not have a Virginia Driver's License or State ID.

- Type your name and the customer number on your driver's license, learner's permit, or state ID from the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)
- Click **Next** to continue.
- **If you receive an error message as you enter information, it means the information is not correct or does not match the state's records.**

# ONLINE REGISTRATION



★ VIRGINIA ★  
DEPARTMENT *of* ELECTIONS

## Congratulations!

You are on your way to registering to vote in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Social Security Number\*

No SSN was ever issued.

Date of birth\*



I certify and affirm that the information provided to access my voter registration is my own or I am expressly authorized by the voter to access this information. I understand that it is unlawful to access the record of any other voter, punishable as computer fraud under Va. Code § 18.2-152.3.\*

I also consent for my DMV signature to be used to register to vote.\*

**WARNING: INTENTIONALLY VOTING MORE THAN ONCE IN AN ELECTION OR MAKING A MATERIALLY FALSE STATEMENT ON THIS APPLICATION CONSTITUTES THE CRIME OF ELECTION FRAUD, WHICH IS PUNISHABLE UNDER VIRGINIA LAW AS A FELONY. VIOLATORS MAY BE SENTENCED UP TO 10 YEARS IN PRISON, OR UP TO 12 MONTHS IN JAIL AND/OR FINED UP TO \$2,500.**

# ONLINE REGISTRATION

## Voting Eligibility

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**Are you a citizen of The United States of America? \***

- Yes
- No

**What is your residency status? \***

- I am residing in the U.S. and am a legal Virginia resident.
- I live outside the U.S. and Virginia was my last U.S. residence.
- I am not a resident of Virginia.

**Are you currently registered to vote in any other state? \***

- No, I am not currently registered in another state.
- Yes, I am registered to vote in another state.

# ONLINE REGISTRATION

Indicate state of previous registration.

Have you ever been convicted of a felony or judged mentally incapacitated and disqualified to vote?\*

Yes

No

Has your right to vote been restored?

Yes

No

# ONLINE REGISTRATION

**Identity**

**First name\***

**Middle name\***  
  I do not have a Middle name

**Last name\***

**Suffix\***  
  I do not have a Suffix

- Complete this information.
- If this information is already filled in, check to make sure it is correct.
- Your middle name must be included. If you do not have a middle name, check “I do not have a middle name.”
- If you have a suffix, such as Jr. or II, please select it. Check “I do not have a Suffix,” if this does not apply to your name.



# ONLINE REGISTRATION

## Gender (optional)

Female     Male     Non-Binary

Check here if Rural Address or Homeless and describe where you reside.

Residence address (may not be a P.O. Box)\*

Apt/Unit/Lot/Rm/Ste

City/Town\*

State\*

Zip Code\*

Locality\*

FAIRFAX COUNTY

- I cannot physically receive mail at my current residence address.
- I have read the terms of the Privacy Act Notice\* 

**The bottom box by the arrow must be checked.**



# ONLINE REGISTRATION

## Protected Voter (Optional)

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**I am providing a Virginia P.O. Box to protect my residence address from public disclosure because I or a household member is/has:**

- Active or retired law enforcement officer, judge, U.S. or Virginia Attorney General attorney
- Been granted a court-issued protective order
- In fear for my personal safety from being threatened or stalked by another person
- A participant in the Virginia Attorney General's Address Confidentiality Program
- Been approved to be a foster parent
- I do not legally qualify

## Classification

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- I am a member of the Uniformed Services or Merchant Marines on active duty and absent from my voting district.
- I am a spouse or dependent of a member of the Uniformed Services or Merchant Marines on active duty and absent from my voting district.
- Neither

# ONLINE REGISTRATION

## Would you like to vote by mail?

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### Choose an Absentee Option

- I would like to vote by mail for the next election.
- I would like to vote by mail in each election for the remainder of the calendar year.
- I do not wish to vote absentee by mail.

### Contact Information

Phone Number

Email Address

### Additional Information

Election Official:

- I'm interested in being an Officer of Election (poll worker) on Election Day. Please send me information.

# ONLINE REGISTRATION

## Review Application

Eligibility

Identity

Registration Address

Contact Information

Electronic Signature

## VOTER REGISTRATION AFFIRMATION

I swear/affirm, under felony penalty for making willfully false material statements or entries, that the information provided on this form is true. I authorize the cancellation of my current registration.\*

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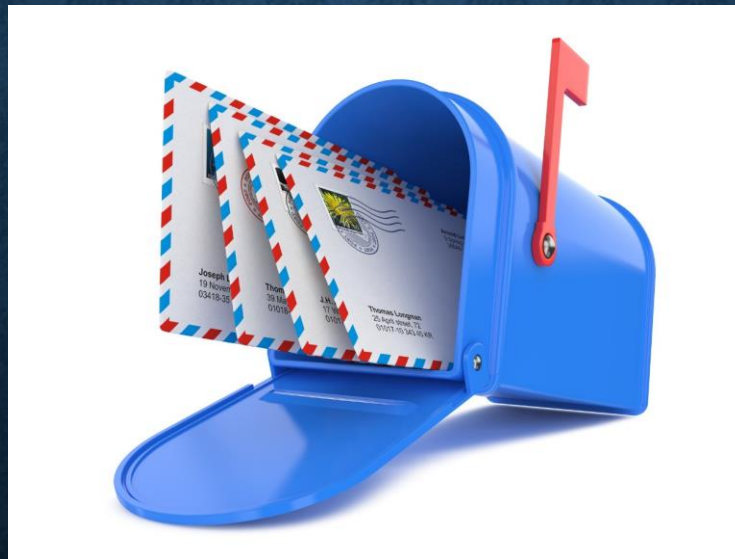
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✕ Reset Form

→ Submit

**YOU'VE SUBMITTED YOUR  
APPLICATION.**

**WATCH FOR MAIL!**



# ONLINE REGISTRATION

Within 30 days, you will receive notification.

- If successful, information about your polling place will be included.
- If unsuccessful, an explanation about why the application was not accepted will be included.
- Then you can try again, either online or with a paper application.

# HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE

## COMPLETING THE PAPER APPLICATION

- Download the PDF Voter Registration Form.
- You will need the number on your driver's license, learner's permit, or a Virginia ID from the DMV

**Virginia Voter Registration Application** Use blue or black ink

*Starred (\*) items are required. If you do not complete all of the items that are marked with \*, your application may be denied (See instructions on reverse side).*

**1.**  YES  NO  
 \* I am a citizen of the United States of America. \* Full social security number     -    -        No SSN was ever issued. \* Date of birth    /    /        \* Gender \_\_\_\_\_

**2.** \* Last name \_\_\_\_\_ Jr. Sr. II III IV (Circle if applicable)  
 \* First name \_\_\_\_\_ \* Middle name \_\_\_\_\_  None  
 \* Residence address (May not be a P.O. Box) \_\_\_\_\_ Apt # \_\_\_\_\_  
 \* City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ \* ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone     -     -

**3.** \* Have you ever been convicted of a felony or judged mentally incapacitated and disqualified to vote? .....  YES  NO If YES, has your right to vote been restored? .....  YES  NO

**4.**  I am an active-duty uniformed services member, spouse or dependent; or an overseas citizen.  
 I am providing a mailing address (below) because my residence address cannot receive mail or I am homeless.  
 I am providing a Virginia P.O. Box (below) to protect my residence address from public disclosure because I or a household member is/has:  
 An active or retired law enforcement officer, judge, magistrate, U.S. or Virginia Attorney General attorney.  
 Person with a court-ordered protective order



**GET READY TO**

**Vote**



# ELECTION INFORMATION YOU NEED

- Where is my polling place?
- Can I vote early?
- Where can I apply for an absentee ballot?
- Who is running?
- What's on the ballot?
- How can I get a Voter's Guide?

**FOR ANSWERS AND MUCH MORE!**

Check out the Voter  
Education and Outreach site



# **VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS**

- General questions: [info@elections.virginia.gov](mailto:info@elections.virginia.gov)
- Campaign finance: [cfda@elections.virginia.gov](mailto:cfda@elections.virginia.gov)
- [Local registrar office](#)