

☆ REGISTERING TO VOTE ☆

To Vote You Must

- Be registered with an address in Hamilton County at least 30 days before the election.
- Keep your registration active, by voting at least once every four years.

Where Can I Register to Vote?

- Bureau of Motor Vehicles offices.
- Hamilton County Public Library branches.
- Hamilton County Board of Elections, 824 Broadway, 45202.

What Happens After I Register?

The Board of Elections will send you a card that lists:

- the address of your voting (polling) place;
- your precinct; and
- State Senator, State Representative & Congressional district numbers.

KEEP THIS CARD FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

Where Do I Vote?

The address is on your voter's card.

Can't find your card? Contact the Board of Elections at 632-7000 or visit their website at www.votehamiltoncounty.com or call the League of Women Voters at 281-8683.

☆ ABSENTEE VOTING ☆

Any registered voter in Ohio may request an Absentee Ballot.

A request form is available online at: www.votehamiltoncounty.com or you may send a written request for an absentee ballot to: Hamilton County Board of Elections, 824 Broadway, Cincinnati OH 45202, or fax your written request to: 513-744-9038.

A written request must include:

- Your name
- Address (include the mailing address to which ballot is to be sent if different than residential address)
- Date of birth
- Phone number
- Signature
- and **ONE** of the following —
 - a. Your driver's license number.
 - b. Last four digits of your Social Security number.
 - c. A copy of a valid photo ID.
 - d. A current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other government document that has your name and address listed.

For a Primary Election you must include your party affiliation, otherwise you will receive an Issues Only ballot.

Once your request is received, a ballot will be mailed to your home or, if indicated on the request form, to an address outside of Hamilton County.

The absentee ballot must be returned to the Board of Elections by 7:30 p.m. on Election Day and have all information on the envelope filled out correctly.

For further information call the Absentee Voting Department at 632-7089.



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☆ HOW TO VOTE ☆

Hamilton County uses the Hart eScan, an optical/digital scan voting machine.

1. Go to the precinct listed on the card you received from the Board of Elections. For example "Cincinnati 6-C." (Some polling places have more than one precinct at the same location.)
2. You will be asked to provide proof of identity before voting. You may use a current and valid photo identification card, (for example your driver's license), military ID, copy of a utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check, or government document showing your name and current address. (Note: You cannot use the notice the Board of Elections mailed to you.) If you do not show the required proof of identity, you may cast a provisional ballot.
3. Sign the poll book as directed. You will be given a paper ballot.
4. Go to an open voting booth. Using the pen that is provided, completely fill in the box to the left of your choice on the ballot. For example:
 President
 Vote for one
 Abraham Lincoln
 Historical Party
 Julius Caesar
 Ancient Party
5. Candidates and issues are listed on both the FRONT AND BACK of your ballot.

6. Make sure you read the directions concerning the number of candidates to vote for in each category. Some offices have "field" races where you may vote for more than one candidate. (For example: you may vote for up to nine candidates for Cincinnati City Council.)
7. You do not have to vote for every office or every issue for your ballot to be counted.
8. When you finish voting, take your ballot to the eScan machine and insert it into the ballot feed slot located on the top of the machine. Wait while your ballot is scanned.
9. If your ballot is properly marked the eScan will accept your ballot and display a waving American flag on the screen next to the slot where you inserted the ballot. At this point you have completed the voting process.
10. If you have over-voted (voted for too many candidates in a particular race) or there is a problem with your ballot, the machine will not accept it.
 - a. An instruction message "Ballot not properly marked" will come up on the screen and the contest that needs attention will be listed. For example: "U.S. Representative Contest is Overvoted."
 - b. If more than one contest has been marked incorrectly you will see the phrase "Next Contest" at the bottom of the screen with an arrow pointing to a button on the machine. Push the button to see the next contest.
 - c. When finished viewing the screen(s), you may remove your ballot from

the machine, take it to a poll worker and request a new ballot OR you may choose to cast your ballot as is by following the instructions on the screen. You may ask a poll worker for help.

- d. When your completed ballot has been accepted, the screen will display a waving American flag and the message will state that your vote has been recorded.

11. Voters with disabilities may use the Hart Intercivic eSlate electronic voting machine. Visually impaired or infirm voters may ask for help when voting.

YOU MAY ASK A POLL WORKER FOR HELP AT ANY TIME

☆ ON ELECTION DAY ☆

POLLS ARE OPEN from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

All polling locations are handicapped accessible.

Ballots list the names of all candidates for an office under the title of that office; the party designation is printed with each name.

In the General Election, candidates for judgeships, state or local boards of education, and municipal or township offices appear without party designation. (Nonpartisan)

On "questions and issues ballots" your choice will usually be either:

YES NO
or
FOR AGAINST