

# VOTER REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

You are eligible to vote if you:

- Are a citizen of the United States;
- Are a resident of California;
- Are at least 18 years of age or older as of Election Day;
- Have registered to vote at least fifteen (15) days prior to Election Day (**THE MOST IMPORTANT STEP**);
- Are not in state prison or on parole as a result of a felony conviction.

If you meet the above requirements, you have the right to vote. This means, for example, you have the right to vote if you are in jail for a misdemeanor or as a condition of felony probation; are awaiting trial or on trial for any crime and not yet convicted; are on probation or have completed parole.

## VOTING MATERIALS

In order to vote from jail, you will need to request, complete, and submit the following materials:

- Voter Registration Form
- Vote-By-Mail Ballot Application

You are entitled to receive these materials in jail.

Once you have submitted your Voter Registration Form, your county elections official will process and mail you a Voter Notification Card to inform you that you are now registered to vote. If you have properly registered and not yet received your Voter Notification Card, you can still vote.

Once you have submitted your Vote-By-Mail Ballot Application, you will receive your Vote-By-Mail Ballot by mail.

# YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE

- Many people in jail are eligible to vote. See the Voter Registration Requirements inside this brochure to find out if you are eligible.
- During each election, there are issues on the ballot that could directly affect you and your family.
- When you vote, you make a difference. Your vote is your voice. Make it count.

Questions? Call 800.345.VOTE (8683)  
Problems? Contact the ACLU 415.293.6325

*Affix contact information  
for the local county  
Elections Official here.*

# Your Voting Rights

## What You Should Know About Voting From Jail

# How to Register to Vote

In order to vote, you must complete a **Voter Registration Form**. If you are already registered to vote in any California county, you only need to complete a **Vote-By-Mail Ballot Application**. If you are unsure if you are registered, complete BOTH forms.

To complete your Voter Registration Form, follow the instructions below:

## Box 1 — Name

Write your full name in this order: Last, First, Middle. Do not use nicknames or initials.

## Box 2 and 3 — Home Address

If you have a street address, write it in Box 2. OR, if you don't have a street address, write the cross streets closest to where you live in Box 3.

## Box 4 — Mailing Address

Write the address of the jail facility that you are currently in, or will be in thirty (30) days prior to the election.

## Box 5 — Date of Birth

Write your date of birth in this order: Month, Day, Year. Be careful not to write today's date!

## Box 6 — Place of Birth

Write the U.S. State or Foreign Country where you were born.

## Box 7 — Identification

Write your California Driver's License or California ID Card Number. OR, if you do not have either of these, write in the last four (4) digits of your Social Security Number.

## Box 8 — Telephone and E-mail Address

This box is optional. You can register even if you do not have a phone number or email address.

## Box 9 — Political Party

Fill in the oval for the one (1) political party of which you want to be a member. This will allow you to vote in the Primary Election of that party. OR, if you do not want to be a member of any party listed, you can fill the oval for "I Decline to State a Political Party" or "Other."

## Box 10 — Previously Registered to Vote

Write in the requested information ONLY if you have ever been registered to vote. If you are unsure, fill in the "No" oval.

## Box 13— Signature, Declaration & Date

If you meet the eligibility requirements, mark the "Yes" box. SIGN AND DATE THE FORM! You must sign and date the form to validate that the contents are truthful in order for your registration to be processed. Sign your name using the same name you printed in Box 1.

# How to Complete Your Vote-By-Mail Ballot Application

## Box 1 and 2 — Name and Date of Birth

In Box 1, write your full name in this order: Last, First, Middle. Do not use nicknames or initials. In Box 2, write your date of birth in this order: Month, Day, Year. Be careful not to write today's date!

## Box 3 and 5 — Home and Mailing Address

If you have a street address, write it in Box 3. OR, if you don't have a street address, write the cross streets closest to where you live. In Box 5, write the address of the jail facility that you are currently in, or will be in thirty (30) days prior to the election.

## Box 6 and 7 — Primary Election and Signature

If you would like to vote in the Primary Election of a political party, check Box 6 and write in the political party. In Box 7, you must SIGN AND DATE THE APPLICATION in order for it to be processed and to receive a Vote-By-Mail Ballot.

# Check List

- Step 1:** Request a **Voter Registration Form** and **Vote-By-Mail Ballot Application** from jail staff, or from a local Elections Official (County Registrar of Voters/Clerk).
- Step 2:** Complete the **Voter Registration Form** and complete the **Vote-By-Mail Ballot Application**, at least 15 days before the next Election Day.
- Step 3:** Submit each of these forms to the local Elections Official (County Registrar of Voters/Clerk).
- Step 4:** You will receive a **Vote-By-Mail Ballot** by mail. When you do, get to know the candidates and issues.
- Step 5: Cast your vote!** Complete and submit your **Vote-By-Mail Ballot** to the local Elections Official (County Registrar of Voters/Clerk).