



Maryland Voter Bill of Rights 2024 Calvert County Primary Election Edition

Key Dates

- *Voter Registration Deadline:* Tuesday, April 23, 2024
- *Change to Party Affiliation Deadline:* Tuesday, April 23, 2024
- *Early Voting Dates:* Thursday, May 2 - Thursday, May 9, 2024 (7 AM - 8 PM)
- **Primary Election Day:** Tuesday, May 14, 2024 (7 AM - 8 PM)

Pre-Election Checklist - Make a Voting Plan

- **Check your registration and/or register to vote**
- **Check your party affiliation** (Voters must be affiliated with either the Democratic or Republican party to be eligible to vote in the Primary Election, except for School Board races.)
- **Decide how you want to vote – three options:**
 - Vote by Mail (don't forget to request your mail-in ballot!)
 - Early Voting in person
 - Election Day in person
- **Verify your in-person or drop-box polling locations**

Voter Registration

* You can view your registration status, party affiliation, and polling center information here:

voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch

The deadline for registering or updating registration ahead of the election is **Tuesday, April 23, 2024.**

You can also register in-person during Early Voting or on Election Day.

- Please note that if you register after the April 23rd deadline, you may be asked to vote using a provisional ballot. *See more on provisional ballots on page 3.
- If registering during Early Voting or on Election Day, you'll need one of the following to prove residency:
 - MVA-issued license, provided license includes current address, or
 - ID card or change of address card, or
 - Paycheck, bank statement, utility bill, or government document with your name and current address

To register to vote, you must be:

- A U.S. citizen
- A Maryland resident
(Note: You may vote if you are homeless if you can show that you live and receive mail in Maryland)
- At least 16 years of age
(Note: You cannot actually vote until you will be at least 18 years old by the next general election)

You CANNOT register to vote if you:

- Have been convicted of buying or selling votes
- Are currently incarcerated for a felony conviction
 - Once released from incarceration, you may vote even if you are still on parole or probation, but you must first register to vote again
- Are under guardianship for mental disability and found by a court to be unable to communicate the desire to vote

Methods of Voting – Three Options

Vote By Mail

*To request your mail-in ballot, go here:

<https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/OnlineMailinRequest/InstructionsStep1>

- To vote by mail in the Primary Election, you must request a mail-in ballot
 - Deadline: request must be **received** by **May 7, 2024**
- To return your ballot, you can:
 - Send it by mail, postmarked on or before Election Day - May 14, 2024
 - Hand-deliver your ballot to a secure ballot drop box, polling place, or your local Board of Elections office before 8 PM on Election Day.
- There will be four ballot drop off locations for Calvert County voters:

Calvert County Board of Elections
30 Duke St.
Prince Frederick, MD 20678

Fairview Library
8120 Southern Maryland Blvd. Owings,
MD 20736
(Drop Box is behind Fairview Library)

Northeast Community Center
4075 Gordon Stinnett Ave.,
Chesapeake Beach MD 20732

Southern Community Center
20 Appeal Lane
Lusby, MD 20657

- Make sure the return envelope for your ballot is sealed and the oath signed before returning it.
- When requesting your mail-in ballot, you can also register for a permanent mail-in ballot. If you choose this, you will automatically be sent a mail-in ballot for all future elections, and be notified by mail, email, or text 30-45 days in advance of each election about when you will receive that ballot.

Vote Early In Person

- Early Voting for the Primary Election will be from Thursday, May 2 through Thursday, May 9, 2024 (including Saturday and Sunday). Early Voting centers will be open 7 AM – 8 PM each day.
- There will be three Early Voting Centers for Calvert County voters:

Ward Farm Park Vote Center
10455 Ward Rd.
Dunkirk, MD 20754

Community Resources Building
30 Duke St., Lower Level
Prince Frederick, MD 20678
(old library, across from post office)

Southern Community Center
20 Appeal Lane
Lusby, MD 20657

Vote Election Day In Person

- You can vote in person on Election Day at your *assigned polling location* from 7 AM – 8 PM
- If you are in line by 8 PM, you can stay in line and vote
- Be sure to check your assigned polling location in advance, as these have changed for many voters

Voter-ID

***Voters can call or text 844-338-8743 at any time to reach the VoteRiders Voter ID Helpline.**

Some first-time voters may need to show ID before casting their ballot. If you are a new voter, be prepared to show one of the following forms of identification to the election judge:

- Maryland driver's license or other MVA-issued identification
- Student ID or employee ID that includes a photo
- Passport or other government-issued ID
- If no photo ID is available, then present a bank statement, utility bill, government check or paycheck that is dated within the last three months

Voting by Provisional Ballot

Provisional ballots are designed to ensure that no one is turned away at the polls. They are issued if:

- Your name is not in the voter registration database
- You moved but did not update your address for voting
- The database shows that you were issued a mail-in ballot or that you already voted in this election. Your provisional ballot will only count if you did NOT vote by mail or already vote in this election.
- During Early Voting, you tried to register or change your address but your eligibility was not determined at that time. You have until 10 AM on the 8th day following the election to prove where you live to the local Board of Elections.
- You did not provide ID when asked. You have until 10 AM on the 10th day following the election to prove your identity to the local Board of Elections.
- You did not provide your driver's license number or the last four digits of your social security number on your voter registration application. You have until 10 AM on the 8th day following the election to prove where you live to the local Board of Elections.
- Someone challenges your right to vote. If the local Board of Elections determines that you are who you say you are, your ballot will count. It is advisable to provide ID to the local Board of Elections by 10 AM on the 8th day following the election.
- A court orders a polling place to stay open late. This rarely happens. In this case, all ballots cast during the extra hours will be by contingency ballot, which is similar to a provisional ballot.

After the election, you may verify if your provisional ballot was counted and, if not, why, by using the Maryland State Board of Elections voter look-up website: voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch

Problems at a Voting Location?

- If you are told that you are not on the list of registered voters, ask the election judge to check again on the Maryland State list. If you are not on either list, ask for a provisional ballot (see above). Only a challenger/watcher can challenge your identity. If you provide ID to prove your identity, you should be permitted to cast a regular ballot. If not, insist on a provisional ballot.
- If you are being denied the right to vote, you have the right to know why. Before leaving the polling place, ask the Chief Election Judge to provide you with a written explanation.
- If you make a mistake on your ballot, you have the right to a new ballot, but you must ask before you cast your ballot. You have a right to up to two replacement ballots.
- You have a right to ask for help in the voting booth. Ask an election judge for assistance. No one should influence your voting in any way.

- You have the right to a translation of all ballots and other election materials. You have the right to bring an interpreter with you or get assistance from anyone you choose, provided that person is not your employer, an agent of your employer, an officer or agent of your labor union, or a candidate on the ballot. Ask an election judge for assistance.
- You have the right to have your children, under the age of 18, accompany you throughout the voting process.
- If you have a complaint, ask to see the Chief Election Judge(s). You may also contact the local or Maryland State Board of Elections.

Resources and Links (as of 4/1/2024)

Maryland State Board of Elections: <https://www.elections.maryland.gov/>

Check your registration status, party affiliation, and polling center information - voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch

Request your Mail-in Ballot - <https://voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/OnlineMailinRequest/InstructionsStep1>

Check Your Registration



Request Your Mail-In Ballot



Vote411.org: After April 1, find information about Maryland candidates and their positions on important questions, in the words of the candidates themselves, as well as links to register to vote, request a mail-in ballot, and other voter services.

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