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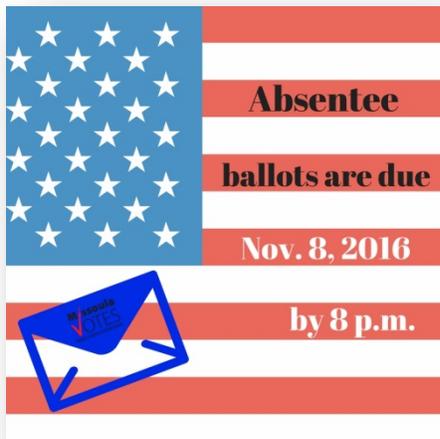
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Elections Office Provides Top Five Reminders to Voters before Election Day

The General Election is five days away and the Missoula County Elections Office has the top five reminders for voters to ensure a successful and enjoyable voting process.

1) All ballots are due by 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 8.



If voters are registered as absentee and have not yet put their voted ballot in the mail, voters are encouraged to deliver their ballot in person. The Elections Center at the fairgrounds offers a 24/7 ballot drive-thru until Monday and until 8 p.m. Tuesday. Ballots can also be dropped off at the courthouse. Postage is not needed if hand delivering a ballot. It's important to remember that post marks do not count. The Elections Office must have received a ballot by the 8 p.m. deadline to be counted on Election Day. The [MyVoterPage](#) will indicate whether or not mailed ballots have been accepted by the Elections Office.

2) The Elections Center, located at the Missoula County Fairgrounds, is a voter's one-stop-shop to handle all voting needs on or before Election Day.



Elections officials are available to assist voters from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday and offer extended hours on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Monday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. The Elections Center provides a 27/4 ballot drive-thru, 20 election judges to issue replacement ballots if a voter has lost or spoiled theirs, absentee voting, an ADA accessible AutoMark voting machine and late registration.

Registered voters have until Monday, Nov. 7 at noon to request a ballot. Late registrants have until Monday at noon to complete their registration and receive a ballot

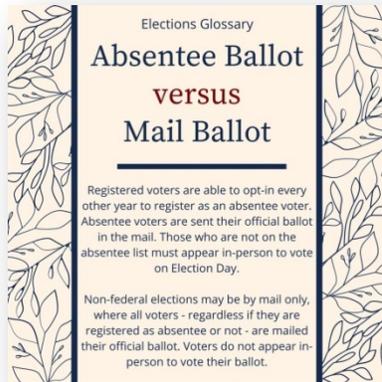
before Election Day. Same-day registration opens on Election Day at 7 a.m. and closes at 8 p.m. statewide. Voting services close at noon the day before the election to allow elections offices to run polling place reports ahead of the General Election. If voters are registered to vote in-person at their designated polling place and miss the Nov. 7 deadline to vote early via absentee ballot, they must appear at their polling place to vote their ballot on Election Day.

- 3) **If you are a registered voter, and have not changed your registration status before the Nov. 7 deadline, you must vote at your designated polling place on Election Day.**



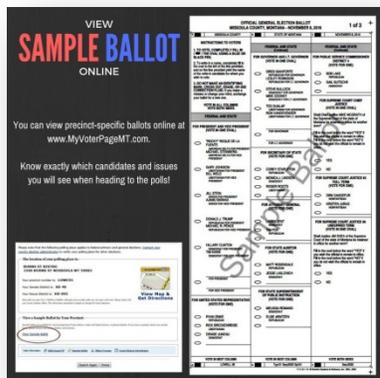
Polling places are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day. If voters do not wish to appear at their polling place on Tuesday, the deadline to request an absentee ballot is Monday, Nov. 7 at noon. Statewide, voting services close at noon so that election offices can run polling place reports for Election Day. Voters can check their polling place by visiting www.MyVoterPageMT.com. As a reminder, due to MCPS construction, three polling places have temporarily been reassigned from Rattlesnake, Lowell and Franklin schools.

- 4) **You can vote early at the Fairgrounds by casting an absentee ballot.**



Registered voters and those looking to complete late registration can cast their ballot at the Elections Center ahead of Election Day. Go to the Elections Center to request and vote an absentee ballot today!

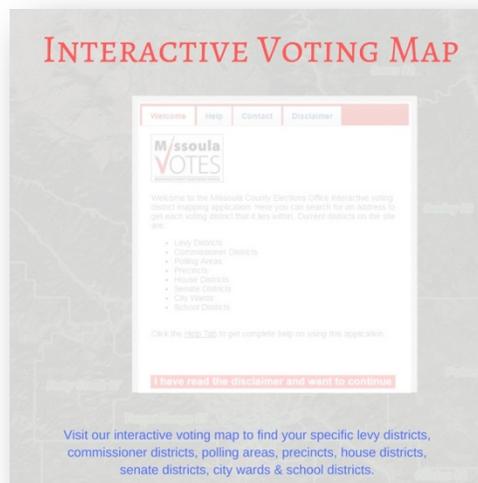
- 5) **The ballot is three pages long. To help reduce voting times on Election Day, polling place voters are encouraged to view their precinct-specific ballot on www.MyVoterPageMT.com.**



Sample ballots are available on the Montana Secretary of State's MyVoterPage. All those who have not yet cast their ballot are encouraged to view their ballot and review the [Voter Information Pamphlet](#).

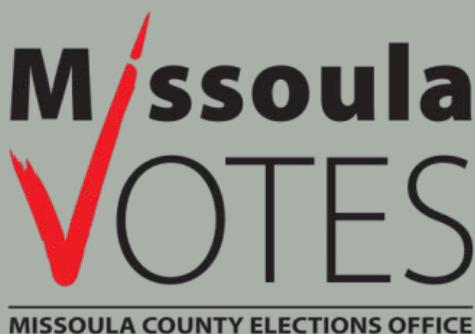
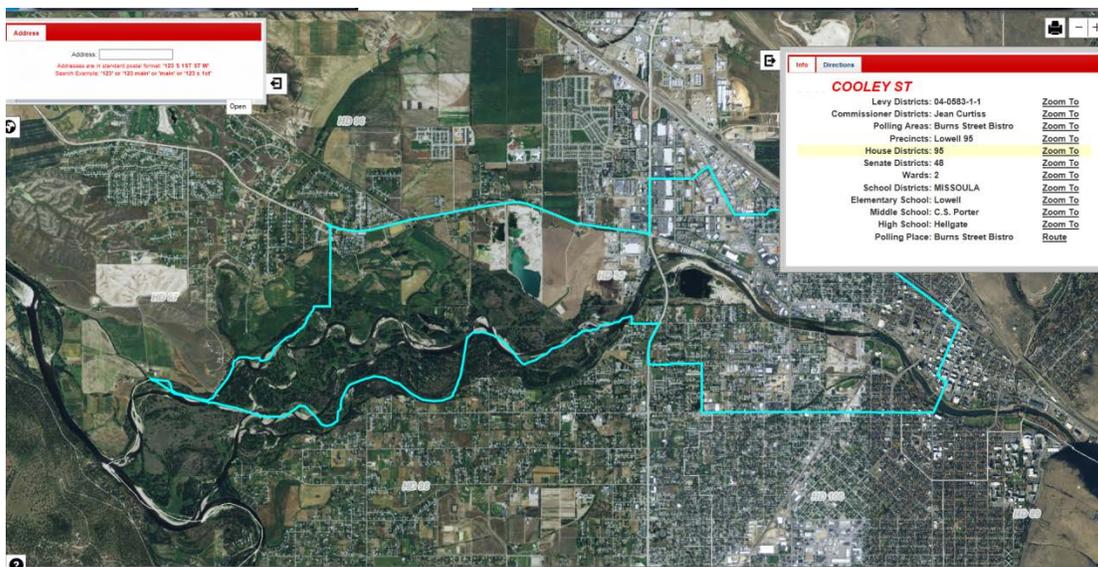
With only five days remaining, if voters are not already registered to vote, now is the time to go to the Elections Center to register and cast their ballot. Despite many efforts made to reduce wait times on Election Day, including 20 election judges ready to assist voters, it is inevitable that there will be lines at Elections Center. Addressing any voting needs early will drastically cut down on the time it takes for a voter to cast their ballot.

For those interested in learning more, the Missoula County Elections Office and GIS department created this [interactive voting map](#) that tells a voter their levy districts, commissioner districts, polling areas, precincts, house districts, senate districts, city wards, and school districts.



We also have electronic I Voted stickers for our absentee voters to share with their social networks.

Being an informed and prepared voter is the best way to ensure an enjoyable experience on Election Day.



The Missoula County Elections office is under the leadership of the Elections Administrator. The office is responsible for conducting fair and honest elections, and works to meet the needs of 75,000 Missoula County voters. The Election Advisory Committee is made up of citizen volunteers advocating for fair, robust and trustworthy elections. The Elections office is located within the first floor of the courthouse.