



## **YOUR VOTING RIGHTS IN NEW MEXICO**

**Election Day: Tuesday, November 3, 2020**

### **Who can vote?**

- In order to vote in the election on November 3, you must be registered to vote. If you are not already registered to vote, you must register online or by mail by October 6 or in person by October 31. You can find out if you are registered here: <https://voterportal.servis.sos.state.nm.us/WhereToVote.aspx>.
- To register to vote:
  - You must live in New Mexico, be a U.S. citizen, and be age 18 or older on Election Day;
  - You must also not be serving a sentence (including probation or parole) for a felony conviction; and not have been declared by a court to be ineligible to vote due to mental incompetence.

### **When do I vote?**

- You can submit an application for an absentee ballot online or by mail no later than 5 p.m. on October 20. To request an absentee ballot online or by mail, visit: [http://www.sos.state.nm.us/Voter\\_Information/Absentee\\_and\\_Early\\_Voting.aspx](http://www.sos.state.nm.us/Voter_Information/Absentee_and_Early_Voting.aspx). Completed absentee ballots must be received by the county clerk's office or any polling location by 7 p.m. on Election Day to be counted.
- Early voting begins October 6 at county clerk offices and on October 17 at polling locations. Early voting continues through October 31.
- On Election Day, Tuesday, November 3, the polls are open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

### **Where do I vote?**

- Vote early at your county clerk office: [www.sos.state.nm.us/Voter\\_Information/County\\_Clerk\\_Information.aspx](http://www.sos.state.nm.us/Voter_Information/County_Clerk_Information.aspx). Expanded early voting in certain counties is also available. You can vote in person at your polling place on Election Day. To find the nearest polling location to you: <https://voterportal.servis.sos.state.nm.us/WhereToVoteAddress.aspx>.

### **Can I vote by mail?**

- Yes. Anyone can request an absentee ballot by mail, telephone, email, online or in person from their county clerk's office. However, if you receive an absentee ballot but decide you want to vote in person, you must execute an affidavit stating that you did not and will not vote the absentee ballot before you can vote in person at a polling place. For more information, see: [http://www.sos.state.nm.us/Voter\\_Information/absentee-voting-by-mail.aspx](http://www.sos.state.nm.us/Voter_Information/absentee-voting-by-mail.aspx).

### **How do I vote in person?**

- If you have voted before in New Mexico, you do not have to show ID.
- Only first-time voters, who registered to vote by mail and did *not* include a copy of their ID when submitting their voter registration application, are required to show one of the following forms of ID when voting in person or by mail: a driver's license, utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, student identification card, or other government document that shows your name and current address. The ID does not need to be a photo ID.

### **Can I bring someone to help me vote?**

- Yes. If you have a disability or need help reading in English, you can bring a person into the voting booth to help you vote. You can bring any person except your employer, an agent of your employer, your union representative, or a candidate running in the election. The person you bring does not need to be a registered voter.

### **Can I receive assistance in Spanish?**

- Yes. In New Mexico, you are entitled to a Spanish language ballot and assistance in Spanish.

### **What if my name is not on the list of voters?**

- If your name is not on the list or if you are required to provide ID and did not bring it to the polls, you have the right to vote on a provisional ballot. Be sure to ask for a provisional ballot if you do not receive a regular ballot.

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