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Voting Guide in the ERIE Footprint

States offer various methods for voting – from voting early in-person to voting absentee by mail. Some states require voters to have a specific reason or "excuse" for voting absentee, while others allow absentee voting with "no excuse." Check below for state-by-state information on how to register to vote (or to make sure your registration is up to date) and what voting options are available to you. Keep in mind, most states have special provisions for disabled, military, overseas, and/or hospitalized voters. Always double check the information provided with your state or local election authority.

PENNSYLVANIA
- To vote in Pennsylvania, you must first register to vote at least 15 days before the election. The last day to Register to Vote is October 21, 2024
- There are three ways for Pennsylvania voters to cast their ballots for the 2024 General Election:
    1. Mail-in ballot Any registered voter can apply before Election Day, the last day to request a mail in ballot is October 29th no later than 5:00 P.M.
    2. Absentee ballot Registered voters who can't make it to their polling place on Election Day because of illness, disability, work or travel can apply before Election Day, the last day to request an absentee ballot is October 29th no later than 5:00 P.M.
    3. In person on Election Day, November 5th (polls are open 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.)
        - To find your **polling locations** for all three options, click here.

For more information about voting in Pennsylvania, visit the website: vote.pa.gov.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
- To vote in D.C., the online and mail Voter Registration deadline is October 15, 2024; however, in-person, same day registration is also available during Early Voting and Election Day.
- There are three ways for D.C. voters to cast their ballots for the 2024 General Election:
    1. By Mail, at any mail ballot drop box, starting October 11 until 8 p.m. on November 5. All active registered voters will be mailed a ballot starting September 30.
    2. In-person Early Voting October 28 – November 3 (8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.)
    3. In-person on Election Day, November 5 (polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.)
- To find a list of all **Election Day Vote Centers**, click here. (D.C. voters can use any location)
- To locate **Mail Ballot drop box locations**, click here.
- To find a list of **Early Vote Centers**, click here.

For more information about voting in D.C., visit the website: District of Columbia Board of Elections

ILLINOIS
- To vote in Illinois, the last day to Register to Vote online is October 20, 2024; by mail (postmarked by) October 8; and in-person at various locations authorized by each election authority by November 5.
- There are three ways for Illinois voters to cast their ballots for the 2024 General Election:
    1. By Mail, with mailed ballot requests due to the Election Authority by October 31 and in-person requests due November 4

2. In-person Early Voting, September 26 – November 4
3. In-person on Election Day, November 5 (polls open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.)
- To find your **polling location**, click here.
- To request a **Vote by Mail Ballot**, click here.
- To find **Early Voting** locations, click here.

For more information about voting in Illinois, visit the website: Illinois State Board of Elections

INDIANA

- To vote in Indiana, the last day to Register to Vote is October 7, 2024 (online by 11:59 p.m.; by mail – postmarked by that date).
- There are three ways for Indiana voters to cast their ballots for the 2024 General Election:
    1. In-person Absentee Voting, October 8 – November 4 at 12 p.m. (including the two Saturdays immediately before the election) at their county election board
    2. Absentee By Mail (with excuse), with mailed ballot requests due to their county election board or Indiana Election Division by October 24 at 11:59 p.m. and in-person requests due November 4 at 12 p.m.
    3. In-person on Election Day, November 5 (polls open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.)
- To find your **Voting Location or Early Voting Location**, click here.
- To request an **Absentee Mail Ballot**, click here.

For more information about voting in Indiana, visit the website: Indiana Secretary of State

KENTUCKY

- To vote in Kentucky, the last day to Register to Vote is October 7, 2024 (in-person and online - 4 p.m. local time; by mail – postmarked by that date)
- There are several ways for Kentucky voters to cast their ballots for the 2024 General Election:
    1. In-person No Excuse Absentee Voting, October 31– November 2 at 12 p.m. (including Saturday)
    2. In-person Absentee Voting (with excuse), October 23, 24, 25 and October 28, 29, 30
    3. Absentee Voting by Mail (with excuse)
    4. In-person on Election Day, November 5 (polls open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.)
- To find **polling locations** for all in-person options, click here.
- To request a **Mail-in Ballot**, click here. (Note, the online portal will be open September 21 – October 22)

For more information about voting in Kentucky, visit the website: Kentucky State Board of Elections

MARYLAND

- To vote in Maryland, the online and mail Voter Registration deadline is October 15, 2024; however, in-person, same day registration is also available during Early Voting and Election Day.
- There are three ways for Maryland voters to cast their ballots for the 2024 General Election:
    1. By Mail, with mailed or faxed ballot requests due to the Department of Elections by October 29, Internet requests by 5 p.m. November 1, and in-person requests by November 5.
    2. In-person Early Voting, October 24 - October 31.
    3. In-person on Election Day, November 5 (polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.)
- To find your **polling place**, click here.
- To request a **Mail-In Ballot**, click here.
- To find **Early Voting** locations, click here.

For more information about voting in Maryland, visit the website: Maryland State Board of Elections

NEW YORK

- To vote in New York, you must first register to vote at least 10 days before the election. Last day to [Register to Vote](#) is October 26, 2024
- There are three ways for New York voters to cast their ballots for the 2024 General Election:
    1. [Early Mail Ballot](#) Any registered voter can apply before Election Day, the last day to request a mail in ballot is October 26th no later than 5:00 p.m.
    2. [Absentee Ballot](#) Registered voters who can't make it to their polling place on Election day because of illness, disability, work or travel can apply before Election Day, the last day to request an absentee ballot is October 26th no later than 5:00 p.m.
    3. In-person on Election Day, **November 5th** (polls are open from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.)
        - To find your **polling locations** for all three options, click [here.](#)

For more information about voting in New York, visit the website: [New York State Board of Elections](#)

NORTH CAROLINA

- To vote in North Carolina, you must first register to vote at least 25 days before the election. Last day to [Register to Vote](#) is October 11, 2024.
- There are three ways for North Carolina voters to cast their ballots for the 2024 General Election:
    1. [By Mail](#), with absentee ballot requests due to the State Board of Elections by October 29 at 5 p.m.
    2. [In-person Early Voting](#), October 17 – November 2
    3. In-person on Election Day, November 5 (polls open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.)
- To find your **polling place**, click [here](#).
- To request a**n Absentee Ballot**, click [here](#).
- To find **Early Voting** locations, click [here](#).

For more information about voting in North Carolina, visit the website: [North Carolina State Board of Elections](#)

OHIO

- To vote in Ohio, the last day to [Register to Vote](#) is October 7, 2024 (either online or received/postmarked by county board of elections).
- There are three ways for Ohio voters to cast their ballots for the 2024 General Election:
    1. [In-person Early Voting](#), October 8 – November 3 (includes the two Saturdays and the two Sundays before Election Day)
    2. [No Excuse Absentee Voting by Mail](#), with absentee ballot applications due to county boards of elections by 8:30 p.m. October 29
    3. In-person on Election Day, November 5 (polls open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.)
- For **polling locations**, contact your [county board of elections](#).
- To request an **Absentee Ballot**, click [here](#).

For more information about voting in Ohio, visit the website: [Ohio Secretary of State](#)

TENNESSEE

- To vote in Tennessee, the last day to [Register to Vote](#) online or by mail (postmarked) is October 7, 2024. A printed application may also be hand delivered to the proper county election commission office by that date.
- There are three ways for Tennessee voters to cast their ballots for the 2024 General Election:
    1. [In-person Early Voting](#), October 16– October 31 (including Saturdays)
    2. [Absentee Voting by Mail (with excuse)](#), with absentee ballot applications due to local county election commission office by October 29
    3. In-person on Election Day, November 5 (poll hours may vary by county – click [here](#) for up-to-date information)
- To find your **polling location**, click [here](#).
- To request an **Absentee Ballot**, click [here](#).

For more information on voting in Tennessee, visit the website: [Tennessee Secretary of State](#)

VIRGINIA

- To vote in Virginia, the online and mail [Voter Registration](#) deadline is October 15, 2024; however, voters may also register through Election Day and vote using a provisional ballot.
- There are three ways for Virginia voters to cast their ballots for the 2024 General Election:
    1. [By Mail (or drop-off),](#) with absentee ballot requests due to the State Board of Elections by October 29 at 5 p.m.
    2. [In-person Early Voting,](#) September 20 – November 2 (days/times vary by local General Registrar's office)
    3. In-person on Election Day, November 5 (polls open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.)
- To find your **polling place** or **request an absentee ballot**, click [here.](#)
- To find **Early Voting** locations, click [here.](#)

For more information about voting in Virginia, visit the website: [Virginia Department of Elections](#)

WEST VIRGINIA

- To vote in West Virginia, you must [Register to Vote](#) by October 15, 2024.
- There are three ways for West Virginia voters to cast their ballots for the 2024 General Election:
    1. [By Mail (or drop-off),](#) only if eligible (absentee voting requirements listed [here](#)). Applications for excused absentee ballots are due to County Clerk by October 30.
    2. In-person Early Voting, October 23 – November 2
    3. In-person on Election Day, November 5 (polls open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.)
- To find your **polling place**, click [here](#).
- To apply for an **Absentee Ballot**, click [here](#).
- To find **Early Voting** locations and hours, contact your County Clerk (info [here](#)).

For more information about voting in West Virginia, visit the website: [West Virginia Office of the Secretary of State](#)

WISCONSIN

- To vote in Wisconsin, the last day to [Register to Vote](#) online or by mail (postmarked) is October 16, 2024. Voters may also register in-person at their [municipal clerk's office](#) during business hours until 5 p.m. on November 1 and at their polling place on Election Day.
- There are three ways for Wisconsin voters to cast their ballots for the 2024 General Election:
    1. [No Excuse In-person Absentee Voting,](#) October 22 - November 3 (hours and availability vary by municipality, search your options [here](#))
    2. [No Excuse Absentee Voting by Mail,](#) with absentee ballot applications due to municipal clerk by October 31 at 5 p.m.
    3. In-person on Election Day, November 5 (polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.)
- To find your **polling location**, click [here.](#)
- To request an **Absentee Ballot**, click [here](#).

For more information on voting in Wisconsin, visit the website: [Wisconsin Elections Commission](#)