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 **VOTE FOR**   
**YOUR FUTURE**

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**



**Office of the Secretary of State:**  
[www.sos.state.mn.us/](http://www.sos.state.mn.us/)

**We Choose Us Coalition:**  
[www.wechooseusmn.com/](http://www.wechooseusmn.com/)

**Recursos en español:**  
[www.copalmn.org/voto-latino-de-mn/](http://www.copalmn.org/voto-latino-de-mn/)

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# IT'S TIME TO TAKE ACTION!

Regardless of your political leaning, your vote is your voice, and it deserves to be heard on Election Day. Every eligible American is entitled to vote, and our work at Common Cause is to ensure that right is not limited or hindered by bad faith actors.



# 2023

# VOTER

# GUIDE



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## WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN MINNESOTA?

### To vote in Minnesota, you must be:

- A U.S. citizen
- At least 18 years old on Election Day
- A resident of Minnesota for at least 20 days
- Not currently incarcerated for a felony conviction
- You can vote while under guardianship unless a judge specifically has revoked your right to vote.
- You cannot vote if a court has ruled that you are legally incompetent.



You may also pre-register to vote at 16 or 17 years old.

However, you still must be 18 years old to vote.

## HOW CAN I VOTE?

### **In person on Election Day**

- **Date:** Nov. 7, 2023
- **Hours:** 7 a.m. – 8 p.m. (*Please note:* During smaller election years these hours may vary. Check your polling place hours at [sos.state.mn.us](https://sos.state.mn.us))

### **Early by mail**

- You can apply to have an absentee ballot sent to you by visiting [sos.state.mn.us](https://sos.state.mn.us)

### **Early in person**

- Absentee voting locations are open during normal business hours starting 46 days before Election Day.

### **Agent Delivery**

- In special circumstances, you can qualify for agent delivery. You can learn more at the [sos.state.mn.us](https://sos.state.mn.us)

## WHO IS ON THE BALLOT?

**IN 2023, MINNESOTA IS HAVING COUNTY, SCHOOL DISTRICT, & MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.**

### IN HENNEPIN COUNTY:

- City Council

### IN RAMSEY COUNTY:

- School boards
- Mayoral candidates



## HOW DO THESE POSITIONS IMPACT YOUR LIFE?

### Municipalities usually are responsible for:

- Parks and recreation services
- Housing services
- Emergency medical services
- Transportation services
- Municipal courts
- Public works
- Police & fire departments



***Your city council & mayor will be making decisions on these issues that will affect your community.***

### School boards are responsible for:

- Establishing the vision/goals for public schools in the district.
- Setting the performance standards for schools and superintendents.
- Ensuring school districts are responsive to the values, beliefs and priorities of their communities.

## WHAT'S NEW

## IN MN ELECTIONS?

**During the 2023 legislative session, Minnesota passed a number of electoral reforms:**

### Effective June 1, 2023:

- Pre-registration for 16- & 17-year-olds
- Restore the Vote
- True early voting & extended early voting

### Effective July 1, 2023:

- Right to paid time off from work to vote
- Residential voting lists for students
- Voting facilitation for assisted living facility residents

### Expected effective date of early 2024:

- Automatic Voter Registration

### Effective Jan. 1, 2024:

- Voter language access resources

### Effective June 1, 2024:

- Permanent absentee voting lists

### Increased funding in fiscal years 2024 & 2025:

- Improved physical accessibility at polling places



**For more information on what's new, visit the MN Secretary of State's Voter Outreach webpage.**