

Provisional Voting

Before or on Election Day
Voting by Provisional Ballot (R.C. 3505.181)

Every voter must provide proof of identity at the time of voting. A person who casts a provisional ballot and does not provide acceptable proof of identity at the time of voting is allowed to provide such proof within 10 days after the election, in accordance with law.

Moved or changed your name and did not update your voter registration

If you are an Ohio voter who moved from one Ohio precinct to another Ohio precinct and did not submit your change of address to election officials by the 29th day before the election, you still may vote in that election by taking the appropriate steps described below:

1. If you move from one precinct to another in the same Ohio county, you may report the change and vote using one of the following procedures:
 - a. During the 28 days immediately before the election, go to your county board of elections office or designated site, submit a proper change of address, complete a provisional affirmation statement and vote a provisional ballot for your new voting address.
 - b. On Election Day, go to one of the following three places: the polling place in the precinct in which your new voting address is located, the board of elections office, or a site designated by that board of elections; submit a proper change of address, complete a provisional affirmation statement and vote a provisional ballot for your new voting address.
2. If you move from the Ohio county in which you are registered to vote to another Ohio county, you may report the change and vote using one of the following procedures:
 - a. During the 28 days immediately before the election, go to the board of elections office of the county in which you now reside, submit a proper change of address, complete a provisional affirmation statement and vote a provisional ballot for your new voting address.
 - b. On Election Day, go to one of the following two places: the board of elections office in the county in which you now reside or a site designated by that board of elections; submit a proper change of address, complete a provisional affirmation statement and vote a provisional ballot for your new voting address.
3. If you change your name, you may report the change and vote using one of the following procedures:
 - a. During the 28 days immediately before the election, go to your county board of elections office or designated site, submit a proper change of

name, complete a provisional affirmation statement and vote a provisional ballot.

- b. On Election Day, go to one of the following three places: your polling place for your precinct, the board of elections office, or a site designated by that board of elections; submit a proper change of name, complete a provisional affirmation statement and vote a provisional ballot.

Providing Proof of Identity Within 10 Days After the Election

Before a provisional ballot can be included in the official count of an election, the board of elections must confirm the voter's eligibility to cast the ballot, as well as the validity of the ballot that was cast. In some cases, a provisional voter can establish his or her eligibility to vote by appearing in person at the board of elections office within 10 days immediately after Election Day and completing the appropriate steps:

1. If you cast a provisional ballot because you had – but could not provide to election officials at the time you voted – acceptable proof of your identity or the last four digits of your Social Security number, you must provide to the board of the elections one of the following:
 - a. Acceptable proof of your identity in the form of a current and valid photo identification, or a military identification that shows your name and current address, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document (but not a voter registration notification mailed by a board of elections) that shows your name and current address; or
 - b. The last four digits of your Social Security number.
2. If you cast a provisional ballot because, at the time you voted, you had – but declined to provide – an acceptable form of identification or the last four digits of your Social Security number, and you declined to execute the written affirmation statement, you must provide to the board of the elections one of the following:
 - a. Acceptable proof of your identity in the form of a current and valid photo identification, or a military identification that shows your name and current address, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document (but not a voter registration notification mailed by a board of elections) that shows your name and current address; or
 - b. The last four digits of your Social Security number.
3. If you cast a provisional ballot because, at the time you voted, you did not have any acceptable form of identification or a Social Security number, and you declined to execute the written affirmation statement, you must do one of the following:
 - a. Provide to the board acceptable proof of your identity in the form of a current and valid photo identification, or a military identification that shows your name and current address, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government

- document (but not a voter registration notification mailed by a board of elections) that shows your name and current address; or
- b. Provide to the board the last four digits of your Social Security number; or
 - c. Complete the affirmation statement.
4. If you cast a provisional ballot because your right to vote was challenged at the polling place under R.C. 3505.20, and the election officials either determined that you were ineligible to vote or were unable to determine your eligibility, you must provide any identification or other documentation required to resolve the challenge.

Election Day provisional voting for other reasons (R.C. 3505.181)

You will be allowed to cast a provisional ballot at the polling place after completing and signing a provisional affirmation statement for any of the following reasons:

- Your name does not appear on the official poll list for an election, or an election official asserts that you are not eligible to vote or is unable to determine your eligibility.
- You are unable or decline to provide the required proof of identity, which includes a current and valid photo identification card, military identification, a copy of utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check, or government document showing your name and current address. (Note: You cannot use as proof of identification a notice that the board of elections mailed to you.)
- Your name appears on the poll list or signature book as having requested an absentee ballot.
- Your name is marked on the poll list or signature book with a notation that registration mailings have been returned as undeliverable.
- A hearing on a challenge to your eligibility as an elector has been postponed until after Election Day.
- Your signature, in the opinion of the precinct officers, does not match the signature on your registration form.
- Your eligibility to cast a ballot has been challenged by the precinct officers, and you refuse to make the required statement.