

2022 General Election

FAQ's

Q: When will the General Election be held?

A: Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

Q: When are the polls open for the General Election?

A: Polls must be open from 7:00 am until 8:00 pm.

Q: Can I register to vote at the polls?

A: Yes. You will need both proof of identity (which everyone needs) AND proof of residence.

Q: How many days before an election do I need to register to vote if I'm not registered or if I moved, and I want my name to be on the voter register at the polls?

A: 15 days

- Monday, October 24, 2022

Q: When is the first day I may request an absentee ballot by mail?

A: 70 days before the election.

- Tuesday, August 30, 2022

Q: After I send in my absentee ballot request form, when will the County Auditor mail me my ballot?

A: The Auditor can begin mailing absentee ballots 20 days before the election.

- Wednesday, October 19, 2022 or when ballots are available.

Q: When is the last day that I can request an absentee ballot by mail?

A: The County Auditor must receive your request form at least 15 days before the election. (For exceptions, see below.)

- Monday, October 24, 2022

Q: What is the deadline for getting my absentee ballot back to the County Auditor?

A: The County Auditor must have your ballot by the close of the polls, which is 8:00 pm on election day.

Q: Will my ballot be counted if it is postmarked before election day?

A: No. The law changed, and your ballot must be in the possession of the County Auditor by 8:00 pm on election day.

Q: May I return someone else's absentee ballot, or may someone else return my absentee ballot?

A: The only people who may return a voter's absentee ballot (we're talking about the BALLOT, NOT the ballot REQUEST FORM) are the voter, someone living in the voter's household, an immediate family member, or, if the voter is blind or has another disability, or a special delivery agent. (For exceptions and details, see below.)

Q: When is the first day I can vote absentee in person at the Auditor's Office?

A: 20 days before the election. You should only vote at the office if you have not requested a ballot by mail.

- Wednesday, October 19, 2022 or when ballots are available.

Q: When is the last day I can vote absentee in person at the Auditor's Office?

A: The day before the election. (This didn't change.)

- Monday, November 7, 2022, 4:30 pm.

For exceptions, details, and more law changes, [click here](#) for the 2021 Election Law Changes for Iowa Voters, published by the Iowa State Association of County Auditors.

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