



Maryland

- **Chief election authority:** Maryland State Board of Elections
- **State election director:** Jared DeMarinis
- **Who runs elections locally:** County Board of Elections
- **State website:** www.maryland.gov

| ELECTION POLICY | STATUS | NATIONAL COMPARISON |
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| VOTER REGISTRATION | | |
| Online voter registration | OVR permitted | 42 states and D.C. have online voter registration |
| Automatic/automated voter registration | AVR permitted | 42 states and D.C. have automatic voter registration |
| Pre-registration | 16-year-olds may preregister | 19 states permit pre-registration for 16- and 17-year-olds |
| Election Day/same-day registration | Permitted | 22 states and D.C. have same-day registration |
| Registration deadline | Election Day | National average is 20 days before Election Day |
| VOTING | | |
| Voter ID | ID not required | 35 states require ID |
| Early in-person voting | Begins on the second Thursday before Election Day | 47 states allow; national average is 26 days |
| Vote centers | Not used | 29 states allow vote centers |
| No-excuse absentee voting | Permitted | 27 states permit no-excuse absentee voting |
| Mails ballots to all registered voters (aka “mostly mail elections”) | Ballots are not mailed to all registered voters | Eight states and D.C. mail ballots to all registered voters |
| Deadline for absentee/mail ballot return | 10 days after Election Day* | 30 states require ballots returned by Election Day |
| Ballot collection laws | Voter’s designee who is at least 18 years old with an affidavit | 31 states have ballot collection laws |
| Ballot drop boxes | Permitted | Four states prohibit; 23 states permit; other states are silent |
| Ballot cure process | No ballot cure process offered statewide | 25 states have a ballot cure process |
| When absentee/mail ballot processing begins | After the election | 32 states and D.C. begin processing before Election Day |
| Electronic ballot return | Not permitted | 33 states allow for military and overseas voters; 13 states allow for voters with disabilities |
| OTHER | | |
| Prohibits private funding of elections | Not specified | 24 states prohibit; 26 states are silent |
| Pre-election audits (logic and accuracy testing) | Uses pre-election audit | 47 states have pre-election audits |
| Post-election tabulation audits | Uses a post-election tabulation audit | 46 states require post-election audits |
| State primary type | Partially closed | Primaries range from fully open to fully closed |
| Member of Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) | Yes | 25 states and D.C. are members of ERIC |
| Use jury lists for list maintenance | Not specified | Seven states use jury lists; other states are silent |

*Ballots must be postmarked by Election Day.

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