

2026 Gubernatorial Elections
Primary — June 30, 2026
General — November 3, 2026

Governor – Lt. Governor

This is a four-year term. The incumbent governor is allowed to run for a second term.

House of Representatives

This is a two-year term. All of Washington County is located in the 6th Congressional District. There is no limit to the number of terms.

Comptroller

Four-year term; no limit to number of terms.

Attorney General

Four-year term; no limit to number of terms.

State Senate and House of Delegates

Four-year term; no limit to number of terms.

Judges of the Court of Special Appeals (if applicable)

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County Commissioners (5)

Four-year term; no limit to number of terms.

County Treasurer

Four-year term; no limit to number of terms.

State's Attorney

Four-year term; no limit to number of terms.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Four-year term; no limit to number of terms.

Register of Wills

Four-year term; no limit to number of terms.

Judges of the Orphan's Court (3)

Four-year term; no limit to number of terms.

Sheriff

Four-year term; no limit to number of terms.

Board of Education

There will be three (3) vacancies on the seven (7) member school board. Their terms are for four years.

Party Offices

Democratic Central Committee (8)

Republican Central Committee (9)

Questions – for or against

General Election only; Constitutional Amendments changes

2025-2026 Municipal

Boonsboro City Election

If you reside within the town of Boonsboro and will be 18 years of age by the General Election, you may register and vote in this year's election.

General

May 12, 2026

Clear Spring City Election

If you reside within the town of Clear Spring and will be 18 years of age by the General Election, you may register and vote in this year's election.

General

November 3, 2025

November 2, 2026

Funkstown City Election

If you reside within the town of Funkstown and will be 18 years of age by the General Election, you may register and vote in this year's election.

General

May 4, 2026

Hancock City Election

If you reside within the town of Hancock and will be 18 years of age by the General Election, you may register and vote in this year's election.

General

April 21, 2025

Keedysville City Election

If you reside within the town of Keedysville and will be 18 years of age by the General Election, you may register and vote in this year's election.

General

May 2, 2026

Sharpsburg City Elections

If you reside within the town of Sharpsburg and will be 18 years of age by the General Election, you may register and vote in this year's election.

General

November 17, 2026

Smithsburg City Elections

If you reside within the town of Smithsburg and will be 18 years of age by the General Election, you may register and vote in this year's elections.

General

April 27, 2026

Williamsport City Elections

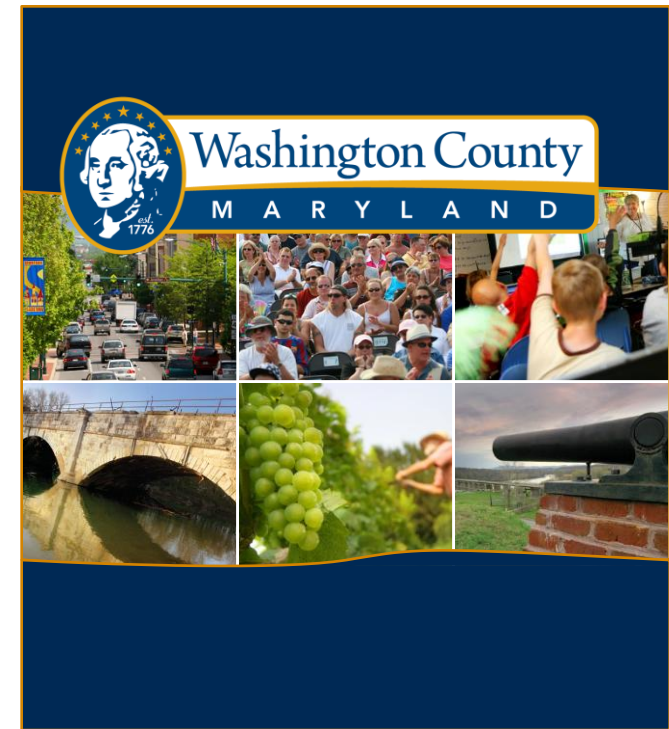
If you reside within the town of Williamsport and will be 18 years of age by the General Election, you may register and vote in this year's election.

General

March 3, 2025

ATTENTION 16 YEAR OLDS

If you are technically inclined, interested in working the polls on Election Day, and a registered voter, contact the Washington County Board of Elections. We require written consent from parents. Encourage your family and friends to call us for information on working at the polls on Election Day. There is payment for working the polls.



Guide for First Time Voters 2025-2026

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Who May Register To Vote

To register, you must:

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be a Maryland resident
- Be at least 16 years old*
- Not be under guardianship for mental disability or if you are, you have not been found by a court to be unable to communicate a desire to vote
- Not have been convicted of buying or selling votes
- Not have been convicted of a felony, or if you have, you have completed serving a court-ordered sentence of imprisonment

*You may register to vote if you are at least 16 years old but cannot vote unless you will be at least 18 years old by the next general election.

You must register with a party if you want to take part in that party's primary election, caucus or convention.

When May I Register?

Anytime except when the books are closed. The books close 21 days prior to any election, and reopen 11 days after every election.

How To Register

- By mail, online or in person at the Board of Elections or call for an application.
- Pick up an application at any post office, school, State agency, or Motor Vehicle Administration when you apply for a driver's license, picture ID, change your address, or change your name on your driver's license.
- First time voter registration applicants in Maryland must provide their current Maryland driver's license or state ID number; if they do not have a driver's license, then and only then the last four digits of their social security number for verification of identity.
- An application may be downloaded from the state website at www.elections.maryland.gov. Mail the complete form to the Board of Elections.

How Can I Be Sure That I Am Registered To Vote?

You will receive a Voter Notification Card in the mail about 1 week after applying. This card is your proof of registration. It will show your name, address, party affiliation and polling place. It has a punch out wallet size ID card for convenience.

What Should I Do If I Move Or Change My Name?

You must notify the Election Office of any change at least 21 days before any election. It must include your

signature. Failure to notify us of a change could place you on an inactive list of voters. Failure to vote or change address in the next 2 Federal Elections may result in your name being removed from the voter rolls.

What Must I Do If I Want To Change My Affiliation?

You may change your party affiliation at any time except when the books are closed 21 days before any election. It must be with your signature since no changes are made without your authorization.

Must I Provide Identification?

Yes, Federal Law requires you to provide a current Maryland driver's license number or MVA ID Card number. If you do not have either one, then, and only then, the last four digits of your Social Security Number. Your application will NOT be processed unless you provide this information or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that you do not have a MD driver's license, MVA ID Card, or social security number.

How May I Choose An Affiliation?

Maryland has a closed primary. That means that only voters registered with a major party may vote in that party's primary election. There are two major parties at this time in Maryland. You may decline to affiliate. If you decline, you may still vote in the Board of Education primary if there is one or City of Hagerstown Primary, if you are a city resident. The lack of an affiliation has no bearing on a citizen's vote in a general election.

When And Where Can I Vote?

You can either vote in person during early voting, on Election Day or by absentee ballot. Early voting starts the 2nd Thursday before an election through the Thursday before an election. On Election Day, you can vote at your assigned polling place.

How Can I Vote If I Am Away From Home?

Absentee Voting is accomplished by applying for an absentee ballot and returning it in time to be counted. You must apply for an absentee ballot no later than 7 days before an election for the ballot to be mailed to you. You may request a ballot for both elections on the same application. In order to have timely receipt of your ballot, you should request one about 2 months before an election; you can also request a ballot online. To make the request you must have a MD driver's license or MVA-issued ID card. Once received, go to www.elections.maryland.gov and enter the requested information.

What If I Have An Emergency During Those Seven Days?

If you wish, you may use an agent to deliver your ballot to you. The person acting as your agent must be at least 18 years old and cannot be a candidate on your ballot. The agent process can be used any time throughout the absentee voting period.

I Plan To Enter The Military Or Have Plans To Go Overseas; How Do I Vote By Absentee Ballot?

You must obtain a FPCA (Federal Post Card Application) to request an absentee ballot and mail or fax it to our office. The forms may be obtained from a US Embassy, Consulate Office, your Military Unit Voting Assistance Officer or online at www.fvap.gov. The FPCA deadline is 7 days before the election. However, waiting too long may make it impossible for you to receive your ballot and return it in time to be counted. If you use an FPCA to register for the first time you cannot fax it, we need the original form. You would need to mail it early. You may request a ballot online. To make the request you must have a MD driver's license or MVA-issued ID card. If you have one, go to www.elections.maryland.gov and enter the requested information

2026 Gubernatorial Election Calendar

Last day to register for the Primary Election and change party affiliation June 9, 2026

Early Voting - Primary Election June 18 – June 25, 2026 (including Sunday)

Last day to apply for Absentee Ballot for it to be mailed to the Voter June 23, 2026

Gubernatorial Primary June 30, 2026

Last day to register for the General Election and change party affiliation October 13, 2026

Early Voting - General Election Oct 22 – Oct 29, 2026 (including Sunday)

Last day to apply for Absentee Ballot for it to be mailed to the Voter October 27, 2026

Gubernatorial General November 3, 2026

Call the Election Board office with any questions regarding State deadlines.