DC Board of Elections Townhall

April 30, 2024

LOCAL RESIDENT VOTING RIGHTS AMENDMENT ACT OF 2022
Overview

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- Non-Citizen DC Resident Voter Registration
- Voting rights and responsibilities of non-citizen DC residents
- Language Access
- Primary Election Key Information
- Questions and Answers
There will be a question and answer session at the end but feel free to submit a question at any time using the “Q&A” or chat feature on the meeting control panel.

To ask a question using the Q&A function:

◦ Type your question into the Q&A box. Click Send.
◦ Note: Check “Send Anonymously” if you do not want your name attached to your question in the Q&A.

If you need to send a message directly to the host, please use the “chat” function in the control box.
Townhall Housekeeping

To ask a question LIVE during the Q&A:

◦ Raise your “hand” and wait to be recognized.
◦ You will be asked to unmute and be able to ask your question.
◦ We may not have time for all questions. If you desire follow-up, email DCBOE at communications@dcboe.org or call (202) 727-2525.

Important Reminders:

◦ The DC Board of Elections is an independent, non-partisan agency and cannot offer opinions or answer questions that are partisan in nature.
◦ Please be respectful during the townhall.
◦ Please wait your turn to speak. We will get to as many questions as possible.
Overview: The Local Resident Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2022 Legislation

• Overview and history of the legislation
• What offices can non-citizen DC residents vote for?
• What offices can non-citizen DC residents NOT vote for?
Non-Citizen DC Residents: Voter Registration

To register to vote, non-citizen DC residents must:

• Maintain residency in the District of Columbia for at least 30 days prior to the election in which you intend to vote.

• Not claim voting residence or the right to vote in another US state or territory or country.

• Be at least 17 years old.*

• Not have been found by a court to be legally incompetent to vote.

*You may vote in the Primary Election if you are at least 17 years old and you will be at least 18 years old by the next General Election.
Non-Citizen DC Residents: Voter Registration

How can I register to vote?

- **In person** at DCBOE, at a voter registration event, or at a Vote Center
- **Online** at www.dcboe.org/registertovote
- **By Mail, Email or Fax**
  - Download a Voter Registration Form at www.dcboe.org
    - Email completed form to DCabsentee@dcboe.org
    - Fax completed form to (202) 347-2648
    - Mail or return completed form to DCBOE at 1015 Half Street, SE, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20003
  - **Questions? Call 202-727-2525 or visit www.dcboe.org**
Non-Citizen DC Residents: Voter Rights & Responsibilities

What do I need to bring to the Vote Center for same day registration?

You must bring a Proof of Residence document. Examples include:

◦ A copy of a current and valid government-issued photo identification.

◦ A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, or paycheck (dated no earlier than 90 days before the date upon which you mail your application or, if you do not submit proof by mail or online, 90 days before the date you vote).

◦ Any other government-issued document.
Non-Citizen DC Residents: Voter Registration

• **Language Access Support**
  - Voter Registration Applications are available in English, Spanish, Amharic, French, Vietnamese, Chinese, and Korean. Additional languages available upon request.

• **Upcoming Events/Opportunities:**
  - Voter Registration events can be found on DCBOE’s event calendar at www.dcboe.org/events.
Non-Citizen DC Residents: Voter Rights & Responsibilities

What does the non-citizen DC resident ballot look like?

- Only has available local contests.
- Marked with a the letter “L” and word “LOCAL” at top.
- Additional samples are available in the voter guide or on your website, www.dcboe.org.
Non-Citizen DC Residents: Language Access

◦ General DCBOE language access overview
◦ What will be available during Early Voting and on Primary Election Day?
Election Overview: Important Dates

Important deadlines and dates for the Primary Election:

• **April 29:** Ballots will begin to be mailed to ALL eligible DC registered voters.
• **May 10:** 55 Mail Ballot Drop Boxes open.
• **May 14:** Deadline for mail or online voter registration.
  Same-day voter registration is available during Early Voting and on Election Day.
• **May 14:** The last day for currently registered voters to change party affiliation status.
• **May 26 - June 2, 2024: EARLY VOTING:** 25 Early Vote Centers will be open from 8:30 am – 7:00 pm.
  Early Voting Vote Centers will be CLOSED on Monday, May 27, 2024, in observance of Memorial Day.
• **June 4, 2024: PRIMARY ELECTION DAY:** 75 Vote Centers will be open from 7:00 am – 8:00 pm.
What voters need to know:

- All voters must be registered with one of the major parties (Democratic, Republican, or DC Statehood Green) to vote in the Primary Election.
- Check or update your voter registration status to make sure you receive your ballot.
- Voted Ballots can be deposited at any Mail Ballot Drop Box, at a Vote Center, or mailed via USPS.
- Ballot tracking is available on www.dcboe.org.
- Voters can vote in person at ANY Vote Center during Early Voting or on Election Day. You can find Vote Center locations and Mail Ballot Drop Box locations on www.dcboe.org.
- Sample ballots are available www.dcboe.org/elections/2024-elections.
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Have More Questions?
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Phone: 202-727-2525
Website: www.dcboe.org
Address: 1015 Half Street SE, Suite 750; Open weekdays 8:15 am to 4:45 pm
Email:
  • director@dcboe.org (general information)
  • communications@dcboe.org (press and media)
  • ogc@dcboe.org (for FOIA requests)
  • outreach@dcboe.org (outreach requests)