



AFGE Defends Democracy

AFGE's nonpartisan
voter protection campaign

2012 GENERAL ELECTION INFORMATION

Register to Vote

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS
OCTOBER 10, 2012.

Vote

2012 General Election:
November 6, 2012

Poll Hours

6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Check your Registration

If you are not sure if you are registered to vote, contact your county board of elections, visit the Vote Missouri website at <http://sos.mo.gov/elections/goVoteMissouri/Default.aspx> or call 1-866-OUR-VOTE.

Check your Polling Place

If you are not sure where you are registered to vote, contact your county board of elections, visit the Vote Missouri website at <http://sos.mo.gov/elections/goVoteMissouri/Default.aspx> or call 1-866-OUR-VOTE.

Missouri



Know Your Rights



Here's what you need to know to if you're
voting in Missouri in 2012

VOTER REGISTRATION

To register to vote, you must be:

- 18 years of age by Election Day;
- A U.S. citizen; and
- A Missouri resident.

No person shall be entitled to vote:

- While confined under a sentence of imprisonment;
- While on probation or parole after the conviction of a felony; or
- After conviction of a felony or misdemeanor connected with voting or the right of suffrage.

Missourians can register to vote:

- By filling out and mailing the Missouri Voter Registration Application. Applications can be found online at www.sos.mo.gov/elections/goVoteMissouri/register.aspx.
- At the office of the local election authority. A list of local county clerks can be found online at www.sos.mo.gov/elections/countyclerks.asp or by calling the secretary of state's office at 800-669-8683.
- At any Department of Motor

Vehicles office or state agency providing a service to the public (WIC, Social Services, etc.).

PHOTO ID REQUIREMENTS Am I required to show a photo ID to vote in Missouri?

NO! You will need to show an ID to vote in Missouri but it doesn't have to be a photo ID. Please be prepared to show one of the following:

- ID issued by the federal government, state of Missouri or a local election authority (for example, a Missouri driver's license or ID, a passport or a voter identification card);
- ID issued by a Missouri institution (public or private) of higher education, including a university, college, vocational or technical school;
- A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check or other government document that contains your name and address; or
- Driver's license or state identification card issued by another state.



DISCLAIMER: Please be advised that this guide is designed for general information purposes only. For detailed information visit the Vote Missouri website at <http://sos.mo.gov/elections/goVoteMissouri/Default.aspx>

Missouri Know Your Rights



AFGE's Defends Democracy

AFGE Defends Democracy is a non-partisan effort to ensure that all votes are counted and that registered voters are able to vote fairly and without intimidation! Help us educate our members and their families on their voting rights, fight back against unjust voter suppression and defend America's Democracy on Election day!

AFGE's Democracy Brigade

Take these 4 easy actions to get involved with AFGE's Democracy Brigade:

- **Register to Vote!**
 - ◇ If you are already registered, assist at least two people who are not.
- **Share AFGE Defends Democracy**
 - ◇ (Friend us on Facebook) Tell members of your local, friends and family to become a part of AFGE's Democracy Brigade.
- **Follow AFGE Defends Democracy's Blog**
 - ◇ <http://afgedefendsdemocracy.wordpress.com> by signing up and getting every new post delivered to your inbox.
- **Volunteer to be a Poll Worker on Tuesday, November 6, 2012.**
 - ◇ We need volunteers to work inside and outside of polling stations. Check with the board of elections for your state to apply.

Get involved today!

If you have any questions regarding AFGE's Voter Protection program please visit our website at www.afge.org/VoterProtection or contact AFGE's Voter Protection Coordinator Mark Vinson at 202-639-6417 or voterprotection@afge.org.

If you do not possess any of these forms of identification, you still may cast a ballot if two supervising election judges, one from each major political party, attest that they know you.

Changes to the Ballot

Missouri no longer allows the "straight party" ticket option. You must mark your ballot individually for each candidate you choose.

ABSENTEE VOTING

You may vote absentee if you are going to be unable to vote on Election Day due to:

- Absence from the jurisdiction of the election authority in which you are registered to vote;
- Incapacity or confinement due to illness or physical disability, including primary caregivers;
- Religious belief or practice;
- Employment as an election authority, as a member of an election authority or by an election authority at a location other than your polling place; and
- Incarceration, provided all qualifications for voting are retained.

The absentee voting period begins on the sixth Tuesday before the date of the election. All requests for an absentee ballot should be submitted by the day before the election if voting in person, or by 5 p.m. the Wednesday immediately before the election if requesting a ballot by mail. The election authority must receive all absentee ballots by the close of polls on Election Day for them to be counted.

You can apply for an absentee ballot in person, by mail, by fax or a guardian or close relative (parents, siblings, children, grandchildren, grandparents, as well as these relationships through marriage) may request in person an absentee ballot for you. Each application should be made to the election authority of the jurisdiction in which you are registered. Applications can be found at www.sos.mo.gov/forms/elections/absentee.pdf.

The application must be in writing and must give the following information:

1. Name;
2. Voter registration address;
3. Reason for voting absentee;
4. The address to which the ballot is to be mailed, if requested; and
5. Which party's ballot is requested, if it's a primary election.

For more details or to answer specific questions on absentee voting, contact your local election authority or contact the secretary of state's Election Division at 800-NOW-VOTE (669-8683) or elections @sos.mo.gov.

For more information about AFGE's Democracy Brigade visit:

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