

# SAGE's 2024 Voter Guide

The LGBTQ+ community makes up a significant portion of the US population and our electoral power is only growing. According to the <u>Human Rights Campaign</u>, by 2030, one in seven (14.3%) voters will identify as LGBTQ+. By 2040, one in five (17.8%) voters will be part of the LGBTQ+ community. We can find strength in our growing numbers.

Voting is one of the most powerful tools older LGBTQ+ Americans like us can use to make sure that policymakers prioritize and protect our civil rights and important programs — like Social Security and Medicare. Our entire community can help better the lives of present and future generations. We know just how much elections can dramatically affect our lives and freedoms. So, let's ensure our voices are heard at the polls.

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### Voter Registration

- Voting is one of the most powerful tools that we have to preserve our rights and protect the programs on which we rely.
- Register to vote or check your registration status <u>here</u> today.

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## How Do I Vote?

Depending on your state, you could have up to three options for voting:

- Voting Early in Person
- Voting Early by Mail
- Voting on Election Day

For state-specific voting options, key deadlines, and more, check out AARP's election guides <u>here.</u>

### **Option #1: Early In Person Voting**

- As of July 2024, all states & territories except for Alabama, Delaware, Mississippi, and New Hampshire — provide the option to vote early in person.
- Helpful Tip: Voting early and in person can provide expanded opportunities for voting and help you avoid lines at your polling place on election day.
- Find your local options to vote early <u>here.</u>

#### Option #2: Absentee Voting & Voting by Mail

- Vote-by-mail ballots and absentee voting allow a voter to cast their ballot before election day by mail or by drop-off.
- Helpful Tip: If available in your locality, voting by mail is a great option for those who may have limited mobility or strict time constraints.
- Find your local options to vote by mail <u>here</u>.



#### **Option #3: Voting In Person on Election** Day

- REMEMBER: Election Day is November 5, 2024.
  - Voting hours and locations vary by state and locality. Find your local polling place <u>here.</u>
- Helpful Tip: Some states have laws requiring employers to provide time off to allow employees to vote. Find out if you're legally entitled to voter leave <u>here</u>.

### Accessibility, Rights, & Voter Protection

To learn more about your rights when voting at the polls, visit <u>the</u> <u>Bipartisan Policy Center's Voter</u> <u>Rights Guide</u>.

If you have issues on Election Day, call Election Protection's Voter Protection hotline:

- 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683)
   English language hotline
- 888-VE-Y-VOTA (888-839-8682)
   Spanish language hotline
- 888-API-VOTE (888-274-8683)

   Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean,
   Bengali, Hindi, Urdu and
   Tagalog hotline
- 844-YALLA-US (844-925-5287)
  Arabic language hotline
- American Sign Language video call number: 301-818-VOTE (301-818-8683)



## **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### Q: Do I need an ID to vote in person?

A: Voter ID laws vary by state. To see if your state requires an ID to vote, check <u>here.</u> You can also call <u>Vote Riders'</u> National Voter ID Hotline at 844-338-8743.

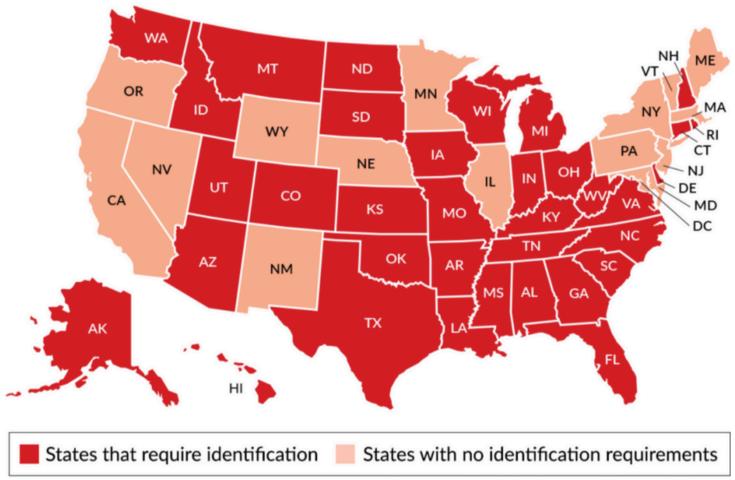
#### Q: What if there is a line at my polling location?

A: If you are already in line at the time your polling location closes, you still have the right to vote for as long as it takes to cast your ballot. If you are concerned about standing in line on election day, you can always check if you can vote early or by mail in your locality.



## **Additional Resources**

<u>Voting While Trans Guide</u> <u>Voter Protection Information</u> <u>Find Out How to Vote in Your State</u>



#### Voter ID requirements

Source: National Conference of State Legislatures

Click on the image to learn more about voter ID requirements, or visit the National Conference of State Legislatures' <u>voter identification</u> <u>requirements page</u>, at ncsl.org.