

**OFFICES FOR 2010  
GUBERNATORIAL ELECTIONS  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2010  
NOVEMBER 2, 2010**

**UNITED STATES SENATOR:**

This is a six-year term. There are two US Senators in each state. One term will be up for election in 2010.

There is no limit to the number of terms

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:**

Each congressional term is for two years. All of Washington County is located in the 6th Congressional District. There is no limit to the number of terms.

**GOVERNOR - LT. GOVERNOR:**

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

**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 terms; no limit to number of terms.

**JUDGES OF THE COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS**

**JUDGES OF THE COURT OF APPEALS**

**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.

**SCHOOL BOARD:**

There will be three vacancies on the seven 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.

**2009—2010 MUNICIPAL**

**HAGERSTOWN CITY ELECTIONS**

If you reside within the town of Hagerstown and will be 18 by May 19, 2009 General Election, you may register and vote in this year's elections.

Primary - March 10, 2009

General - May 19, 2009

**BOONSBORO CITY ELECTIONS**

If you reside within the town of Boonsboro and will be 18 by May 11, 2010 General Election, you may register and vote in this year's election.

General - May 11, 2010

**FUNKSTOWN CITY ELECTIONS**

If you reside within the town of Funkstown and will be 18 by May 3, 2010 General Election, you may register and vote in this year's election.

General - May 3, 2010

**KEEDYSVILLE CITY ELECTIONS**

If you reside within the town of Keedysville and will be 18 by May 1, 2010 General Election, you may register and vote in this year's election.

General - May 1, 2010

**SHARPSBURG CITY ELECTIONS**

If you reside within the town of Sharpsburg and will be 18 by November 16, 2010 General Election, you may register and vote in this year's election.

General - November 16, 2010

**SMITHSBURG CITY ELECTIONS**

If you reside within the town of Smithsburg and will be 18 by May 11, 2010 General Election, you may register and vote in this year's elections.

Primary - April 26, 2010

General - May 11, 2010

**HANCOCK CITY ELECTIONS**

General - January, 2011

**WILLIAMSPORT CITY ELECTIONS**

General - March, 2011

**GUIDE FOR  
1ST TIME  
VOTERS**



**WASHINGTON COUNTY  
BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

35 W. Washington St. Rm. 101  
Hagerstown Maryland 21740-4833  
240-313-2050  
Fax - 240-313-2051  
TDD - 240-313-2050

[www.washco-md.net/election/elect1.html](http://www.washco-md.net/election/elect1.html)

[www.elections.state.md.us](http://www.elections.state.md.us)

[www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov)

[www.mdelections.org/voter\\_registration/V2/vote\\_prod.php](http://www.mdelections.org/voter_registration/V2/vote_prod.php)

**2009—2010**

# VOTING FACTS

## WHO MAY REGISTER IN WASHINGTON COUNTY?

You must have all of these qualifications:

- A citizen of the United States
- A resident of Washington County
- At least 18 years old by next General Election
- Have not been convicted of buying or selling votes.
- Have not been convicted of a felony, or if I have, I have completed serving a court-ordered sentence of imprisonment, including any term of parole or probation for the conviction.
- Not under guardianship for mental disability.

## WHEN MAY I REGISTER?

Year around except when the books are closed. They close 21 days prior to any election, and 11 days after every election. Registration is permanent unless a voter moves out of the State of Maryland.

## WHERE AND HOW?

- By mail or in person at the Board of Elections Office, 35 W. Washington St. Rm. 101 Hagerstown, any weekday from 8:00 till 4:30, or call for application to be mailed - 240-313-2050 for 24 hour service.
- Pick up an application at any post office, library, State agencies in Washington County, register in high school, non-governmental agencies, or on the Internet - [www.elections.state.md.us](http://www.elections.state.md.us).
- Motor Vehicle Association, when you apply for a driver's license or apply for an identification card, you are given a chance to register to vote.

## HOW CAN I BE SURE THAT I AM REGISTERED?

You will receive a Voters Notification Card in the mail about 1 week after applying. This card is your proof of registration. It will show your personal information, your party affiliation and polling place, it has a punch out wallet size ID card, for convenience. You may check the Internet at the following site - [mdelections.org/voter\\_registration/V2/vote\\_prod.php](http://mdelections.org/voter_registration/V2/vote_prod.php).

## WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I MOVE OR CHANGE MY NAME?

You must notify the Election Office, of any change within 21 days of any election. It must include your signature. Failure to notify us of a change could place you on an inactive list of voters but allows you to vote in the next 2 Federal Elections. 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?

Voters may change their party affiliation at any time except when the books are closed or 12 weeks before the Primary Election. It must be with the voter's 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. The lack of an affiliation has no bearing on a citizens vote in a general election.

## WHERE DO I VOTE?

The State passed legislation to allow qualified voters to vote at polling places inside or outside of their election districts and to vote up to two weeks before an election. This amendment also authorizes the State to enact legislation to allow absentee voting by qualified voters who choose to vote by absentee ballot, in addition to voters who are absent at the time of the election or who are unable to vote personally.

## 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, specially for overseas citizens and military personnel. Call the election office for details. Also, there is the possibility of receiving a blank ballot by Fax or e-mail, but you cannot return a voted ballot by Fax or e-mail.

## WHAT IF I HAVE AN EMERGENCY DURING THOSE SEVEN DAYS?

If you qualify, you may use an agent to deliver your ballot to you, but the person being the agent must be registered and be able to return the voted ballot to the election office in person or by mail. The agent process can be used any time throughout the absentee voting period.

## I PLAN ON ENTERING 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 our office, a US Embassy, Consulate Office or your Military Unit Voting Assistance Officer. The FPCA deadline to be in our office 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. Call 240-313-2050 for further information.

# 2009-2010 ELECTION CALENDAR

## HAGERSTOWN PRIMARY ELECTION -

March 10, 2009

Registration Books Close before City General Election

April 20, 2009

## HAGERSTOWN GENERAL ELECTION -

May 19, 2009

## 2010 GUBERNATORIAL ELECTIONS

Last day to register prior to Primary Election -

August 24, 2010

Last day to apply for Absentee Ballot for it to be mailed to the Voter -

September 7, 2010

## GUBERNATORIAL PRIMARY -

September 14, 2010

Canvass Absentee Ballots -

September 16, 2010

Last day to register prior to General Election -

October 12, 2010

Last day to apply for Absentee Ballot for it to be mailed to the Voter -

October 26, 2010

## GUBERNATORIAL GENERAL -

November 2, 2010

Canvass Absentee Ballots -

November 4, 2010

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

\*\*\*\*\*

By learning as much as possible about all the candidates competing for offices in these elections, you will have a sound basis for making choices on Election Day.

## ***ATTENTION 17 YEAR OLDS***

**WE ARE NOW ALLOWED TO USE 17 YEAR OLDS AS ELECTION WORKERS TO WORK AT THE POLLS ON ELECTION DAY.**

If you are technically inclined and interested in working the polls on Election Day, contact the Washington County Board of Elections.

**STUDENT SERVICE LEARNING HOURS** - may be earned while serving as Election Workers. There is monetary payment for training and working during both elections, **but not while earning your Student Service Learning hours.** You do not have to be a registered voter to work as an election worker. This experience will be very educational in the electoral process.