

QUEER THE VOTE 2020

Iowa



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Registration Deadlines	Primary Election	General Election
15 days prior to the election by mail; 10 days prior online; same-day in person	February 3, 2020	November 3, 2020
Early Voting in Iowa begins 29 days before an election and ends on the day before Election Day.		
Iowa operates an open primary. Although voters can only participate in the primary for the party they are a registered member of, Iowa law states that voters can change their party affiliation at the polls on the date of the primary.		
National Elections <ul style="list-style-type: none">• President• Senate seat: Joni Ernst• 4 House seats, including a retirement in IA-02	State Elections <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seats in the State Senate and House of Representatives are up for election• 5 seats on the State Supreme Court• 3 seats on the State Intermediate Court	

Voting Eligibility

To register to vote in Iowa, an individual must be a U.S. citizen and Iowa resident who is at least 17 years old. They may vote in primary elections as long as they will turn 18 on or before the corresponding general election. Additionally, an individual cannot claim the right to vote in any other place, and cannot be a convicted felon unless their voting rights have been restored. In order to apply for a restoration of voting rights, an individual must submit an application to the governor's office. They must have completed or be current on a payment plan for any financial terms of sentencing.

Voter Registration

Any eligible Iowa resident in possession of an Iowa driver's license or non-operators ID can register to vote [online](#). All other eligible individuals can download a [registration form](#) to submit in-person or by mail to their local county auditor. Voters are also permitted to register at their polling place on Election Day. To do so, they must provide proof of identity and proof of address. If they do not have a valid Iowa-issued ID, such as a driver's license, a voter can provide:

Proof of ID

- Iowa non-driver ID card
- Out-of-state driver's license or non-driver ID
- U.S. passport or military ID
- Employee ID card
- Student ID issued by an Iowa high school or college
- Tribal ID

Proof of Residence

- Residential lease
- Utility bill
- Bank statement
- Paycheck
- Government check or document

Voter Identification

Voters in Iowa are required to provide a valid form of identification, or must have their identity attested to by another registered voter of the same precinct. If a voter does not have ID and does not have someone to attest to their identity, they will be offered a provisional ballot and must then provide one of these forms of ID before the Monday after Election Day. Acceptable forms of ID include:

- Voter Identification Card
- Iowa driver's license or non-operator ID
- U.S. military or veteran ID
- U.S. Passport
- Tribal ID card or document

If you encounter any issues when voting, call the Election Protection Hotline at 1-866-OUR-VOTE.

Si tiene problemas al votar, contacte la línea directa para la protección del votante al 1-888-VE-Y-VOTA.