

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

When is the last day that I may register to vote before an election?

Voter registration closes twenty days before an election. This date always falls on a Wednesday. For your convenience, the Election Department remains open until 8pm on that day. All changes to your voter information for the upcoming election must also be made by that date.

How is my voting affected if I...?

...If I change my name?

Whenever you change your name, you must reregister to vote under your new name. To ensure that we process your request as soon as possible, please be sure to list your former name on the Voter Registration Form.

...If I move?

Whenever you move to another city or state you must reregister to vote in that city or state and note your former address on the Voter Registration Form. If you move to another residence within the same city, please call our office and request a Change of Address Card so that we can update you in our system.

What does Unenrolled Status mean?

Unenrolled Status means that you do not belong to any Political Party or Designation. It is the new “independent” status. If you are unenrolled and choose to vote in a State Primary, you may request a ballot for one of the three main political parties: Democrat, Republican, or Libertarian. Choosing a ballot for a specific party does not change your enrollment status. Unless you request a Change of Party, if you are unenrolled before an election, you will remain unenrolled after the election.

What is an Inactive Voter?

An inactive voter is a voter who has not updated their voter information with the Election Department in the current year. There are three ways that inactive voters may become active: 1. Respond to the census 2. Sign a petition and/or nomination paper 3. Vote. If you are an inactive voter on Election Day, you will need to fill out an Affirmation of Current and Continuous Residence and provide an ID to confirm that your voter information has not changed.

How do I find out where to vote?

Please copy and paste the link below:

<http://www.revere.org/2008pollinglocations.pdf>

You may also call the office, and we will look up the information for you.

Where can I find information on different political parties?

The Election Office does not offer information on the various political parties. Instead we encourage you to contact them directly:

Massachusetts Democratic Party

56 Roland Street North Lobby Suite 203
Boston, MA 02129
www.massdemocrats.org
Telephone number: (617) 776-2676
Fax number: (617) 776-2579

Massachusetts Republican Party

85 Merrimac St., Suite 400
Boston, MA 02114
www.massgop.com
Telephone number: (617) 523-5005
Fax number: (617) 523-6311

Green-Rainbow Party

P.O. Box 87
N. Hatfield, MA 01066
www.massgreens.org
Telephone number: (617) 418-3756
Party inquiries: office@green-rainbow.org
Website inquiries: website@green-rainbow.org

When does the City Census come out and when should it be returned?

During the first week of January, the Election Department sends a census to each residence in the city. We request that you please update your household information upon receipt and send it back to our office as soon as possible. In the months following the first census mailing, we will send an additional census to anyone who has not yet responded. In May, we will send confirmation cards to all voters who have not replied, requesting that they attest to and/or update their information. It is very important that all residents fill out their census because it will determine how much aid our city will receive for many vital programs including the Revere Public Schools. If you have not received a Census, please call our office, and we will provide you with one.

If you have any additional questions, we are here to help you. Please contact us at (781) 286-8200.