

YOUR VOICE AND YOUR VOTE MATTER.

First-Time Voter Guide



REGISTER TO VOTE

Our elections depend upon participation by the electorate, including you. The first step - register to vote!

Visit [USA.gov](https://www.usa.gov) or [Vote.org](https://www.vote.org) to learn how.

GET TO KNOW THE CANDIDATE(S)

Visit [Ballotpedia.org](https://www.ballotpedia.org) or [Ballotready.org](https://www.ballotready.org) to find out who is running on your ballot and their stances on key issues.



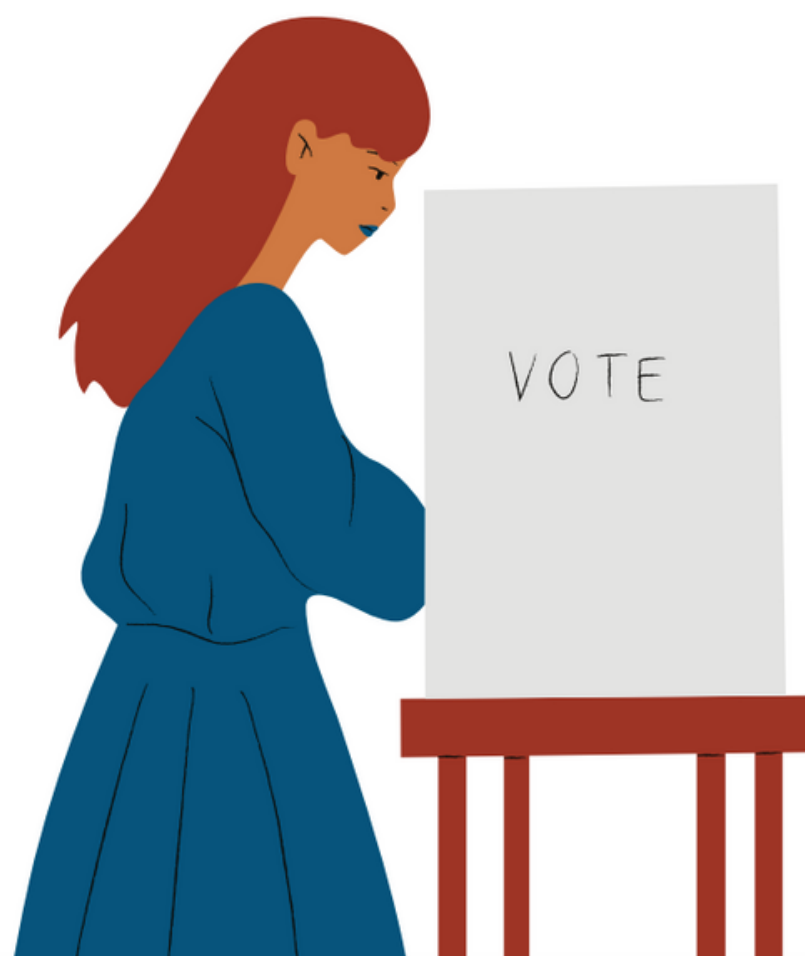


DIVE INTO THE ISSUES & BALLOT MEASURES

Visit the [National Conference of State Legislatures database \(NCSL.org\)](https://www.ncsl.org) to learn what local policy proposals are on your local ballot

WHERE TO VOTE

Visit [USA.gov](https://www.usa.gov) to find your polling place (remember to bring your ID on election day) or [Vote.org](https://www.vote.org) to learn about absentee ballot rules if you can't vote in person.



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