

Answers to Common Questions about Voting in Jackson County

Postmarks, registration deadlines, signatures, and more

***I got my Voters' Pamphlet but not my ballot. Aren't I registered?**

Voters' Pamphlets are sent early so you can study the measures and candidates, do research, and decide how you'll vote. The Post Office is asked to put one in each mailbox. There is no address on them. To check and make sure you are registered, go to oregonvotes.gov/myvote and check now!

***When will I get my ballot?**

Ballots will start being mailed (in batches) on Friday, Oct. 21. If you haven't gotten it by the following Friday, you can call the Election Dept. to check on it.

***Someone told me people get removed from the voter registration rolls. Is that true?**

If you do not vote in several elections, or your mail ballot was returned for non-delivery, you may become inactive in the system. But a simple call or visit to the Election Dept. will reactivate your registration. Do it as early as possible.

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***I registered to vote at the DMV, so I'm all set, right?**

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***None of my candidates are in the Voters' Pamphlet!**

The pages that refer to Jackson Co. candidates and measures are a gray-edged section in the center of the Voters' Pamphlet. The rest of the pamphlet refers to Federal and State candidates and measures. Note: the only candidates in the Jackson Co. section are the ones who submitted information to be published. Not every candidate did.

***I moved here from another state. When is the registration deadline?**

By Tuesday, Oct. 18 at 4pm your new voter registration must be in the Election Dept office. Look for the voter registration form in your Voters' Pamphlet (the back page).

***I thought I had up until Election Day to register!**

If you were previously registered in the State of Oregon, but inactive, or moved

within Oregon, you can change your address or reactivate your registration by filling out a new voter registration card and getting it to the Election Dept. It must be at the Election Dept. by 8pm on Election Day, Nov. 8.

***My signature has changed. Does my vote just get thrown out?**

No, if the trained signature verification staff can't verify your signature (and they try really hard to by checking it with ten years' of past signatures in the database), you will be mailed a notice saying they can't verify it, and asking you to fill out a new voter registration card (the back page of your Voters' Pamphlet) by a deadline – you'll have a couple of weeks to do it. When you mail it, or bring it in, your ballot envelope will be found, the signature matched, and your vote then counted.

***What if a voter has become disabled and unable to sign, or their hand is too shaky, or they are in a temporary cast?**

They may have a trusted person (not an Employer or Union) fill out a new voter registration card on their behalf, and the voter can make a "mark" for their signature (for example, an "X"). The person helping them will write next to it "Witnessed by _____" and they must fill the blank with their own signature. This becomes the voter's official signature, and must be written on their ballot envelope every time. **Also, see Page 10 in the Voters' Pamphlet: Voters with Disabilities.**

Alternatively, a voter may purchase a signature ink stamp, and bring it to the Election Dept where they can stamp an attestation form and it goes on file as their official signature.

***Will my ballot still be counted if it arrives after election day?**

Yes, provided two conditions are met: 1) It must have a postmark not later than election day, and 2) It must be received within 7 days of the election. After that it won't be counted.