

No two states run elections the same way.

Here's an overview of the major differences incorporated into the TurboVote system as of 1/2020.

Voter Registration Basics

By mail

In 47 states & D.C. (more below on New Hampshire, North Dakota, and Wyoming), students start the voter registration process in TurboVote by using the National Voter Registration form (NVRF). Students then need to print, fill in their state-issued ID # or SSN, sign, and mail the form to their local election official, whose address TurboVote provides.

Texas has a Volunteer Deputy Registrar process ([more info](#)). We are not lawyers, so this is not legal advice, but consider that the students who need to register to vote with TurboVote in Texas (and thus pre-fill, print, and turn in the national voter registration form) are the only ones actually handling & submitting that form.

Online

In 38 states & D.C., students can register to vote online. For these systems, a student often needs that state's ID to complete the online process (info within TurboVote):

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| Alabama | Indiana | New York |
| Alaska | Iowa | Ohio |
| Arizona | Kansas | Oregon |
| California | Kentucky | Pennsylvania |
| Colorado | Louisiana | Rhode Island |
| Connecticut | Maryland | South Carolina |
| Delaware | Massachusetts | Tennessee |
| District of Columbia | Michigan | Utah |
| Florida | Minnesota | Vermont |
| Georgia | Missouri | Virginia |
| Hawaii | Nebraska | Washington |
| Idaho | Nevada | West Virginia |
| Illinois | New Mexico | Wisconsin |

More info: <http://www.ncsl.org/research/elections-and-campaigns/electronic-or-online-voter-registration.aspx#table>

Voter Registration Outliers

New Hampshire (info will be specific to each student's registration address)

Let's get you registered

To register in NH, you must appear in person. If you're unable to do so, please contact your local election official for more information.

You can reach your official at:

City Clerk
1 JUNKINS AVE
PORTSMOUTH, NH 03801-4561

603-610-7245
klbarnaby@cityofportsmouth.com

I'LL GO IN PERSON / I'LL CALL
MY CLERK

North Dakota

You don't need to register.

North Dakota does not register voters. If you are an eligible resident of North Dakota, you're already set to vote!

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Wyoming

Wyoming only accepts its own state-specific voter registration form. The TurboVote flow for a user needing to register to vote in WY is exactly the same as it is for NVRF-states, however, if a user needs to register to vote, we'll provide them with Wyoming's registration form pre-filled out, not the NVRF, on the Done step and in the Welcome notification. Wyoming requires the form to be signed by an oath-taking officer (like a notary) prior to mailing to the county election official for processing.

Voting by Mail Basics

In most states, students can vote by mail or at the polls.

If by mail, TurboVote sends users their state-specific ballot request form about a month before their next election in an email, text, and/or physical envelope, depending on their logged preferences.

How do you like to vote?

New York offers absentee ballots to voters who will be unable to vote in person. All other voters are expected to vote at a polling place on Election Day.

How do you plan to cast your ballot?

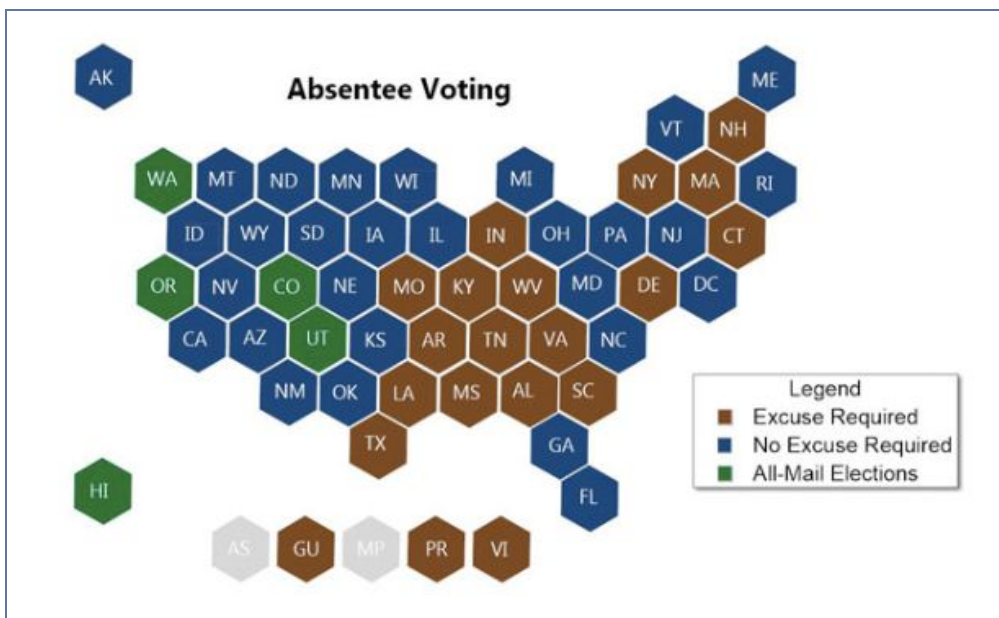
AT THE POLLS

BY MAIL

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In some states, one needs an excuse to vote by mail.

In some states (shown below), a voter needs an excuse to vote by mail. These excuses will be listed on the ballot request form itself & within TurboVote when near an election.



More info: <http://www.ncsl.org/research/elections-and-campaigns/absentee-and-early-voting.aspx>

Voting by Mail Outliers

Some places vote entirely by mail.

In [Colorado](#), [Hawaii](#), [Oregon](#), [Utah](#), [Washington](#), and some counties in other states like Arizona and California, the entire election is conducted by mail. Here's the information TurboVote provides to that end:

How do you like to vote?

Oregon mails a ballot to every registered voter a few weeks before every election. Keep an eye on the mailbox! If you need your ballot sent to an address other than your registration address, please contact your local election official for next steps.

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Some states require a phone call instead of a request form to obtain a ballot.

In [Kentucky](#), [Mississippi](#), and [South Carolina](#), voters must call their clerk to request a mail ballot. TurboVote surfaces this information on the final page of a signup and in the text and/or email notification sent to a user about a month before an election:

Kentucky requires that you contact your election office to request an absentee ballot.

You can do so at (859) 253-3344.

Make sure you contact them at least a week before October 29, 2019.