

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Polling Places (Where to Vote)

WHERE IS MY POLLING PLACE?

Bowie County offers County Wide voting. You can vote at any of the 25 convenient Vote Centers. Visit the Where to Vote drop down below to find a convenient polling place.

College Students

I AM A COLLEGE STUDENT. WHERE DO I VOTE?

Where you vote depends on what address you last registered to vote at. If you are unsure contact your <u>Secretary of State</u> to find out.

DO I HAVE TO PUT MY COLLEGE ADDRESS WHEN I REGISTER TO VOTE?

No. You can register in the state you are from or the state where you attend school, the choice is up to you. Just remember if you choose to register where you are from (outside of Bowie County) you will need to contact that county and get an absentee ballot mailed to you.

Voter Registration

I HAVE MOVED SINCE I LAST REGISTERED. DO I NEED TO RE-REGISTER?

Yes, you need to register at your new residence. If the deadline has passed to register in the place where you live now, request an absentee ballot from your previous address (if outside of Bowie County). After the election be sure to fill out a new voter registration form with your current address.

I REGISTERED LAST YEAR BUT NEVER GOT MY VOTER ID CARD. AM I REGISTERED TO VOTE?

Check with the Voter Registration Department or the Secretary of State to see if you are registered. You may have filled out the form incorrectly or registered but just never received the card.



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WHEN IS THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE?

The deadlines are typically posted on the Important Dates page of this site but as a general rule, you must be registered 30 days before the election day.

WHERE CAN I REGISTER IF THE DEADLINE HAS NOT PASSED?

<u>Click here</u> to get the form online or pick it up a form at the Voter Registration office.

HOW CAN I FIND OUT IF I AM REGISTERED?

To confirm your voter registration status <u>Click here</u>.

Voting

WHAT IF I CAN'T MAKE IT TO MY POLLING PLACE ON ELECTION DAY?

You can vote early: Bowie County has Early Voting usually starting 15 days before election day for registered Bowie County voters. If you're registered outside of Bowie County your county or state may offer a mail in or an absentee ballot. Keep in mind, you must already be registered to request an absentee ballot or a mail in ballot.

I LOST MY VOTER REGISTRATION CARD. DO I NEED IT TO VOTE?

No. You can bring a valid Texas Driver's License or <u>click here</u> for a list of all acceptable forms of ID.

WHAT IF I GO TO THE POLLING PLACE ON ELECTION DAY AND THEY SAY I AM NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE BUT I KNOW I AM?

Everybody has the right to vote provisionally. This means you cast your ballot just as you would anyway, but it goes into a special review process where they verify your registration status. To find out if your vote was counted you will have to contact the Election Office.

WHERE CAN I VOTE?

Bowie County has Countywide Voting. You may vote at any of the Early Voting Locations or Election Day Vote Centers that are available for that election.