

## Connecticut

*Voting is the cornerstone right of our democracy. You can only have your voice and your needs reflected in government if you vote. Pre-registration is an important tool that allows people younger than 18 to vote as soon as they are eligible.*

- ✓ Connecticut allows anyone who will be turning 18 by the next regular election to register to vote. (That can include municipal elections).<sup>1</sup>
- ✓ Register online (if you have a Connecticut DMV ID) or else by completing a paper registration card which you can mail in or take to your local Registrar of Voters before the registration deadlines. For Primary Elections, the deadline is 12 pm the day before the election; for General Elections, the deadline is seven days before the election.
- ✓ Written confirmation should be received within 3 weeks; if not received, contact your local Registrar. You can also check your registration status online.
- ✓ Registering to vote before you are 18 (if you turn 18 by the next general election) will be converted automatically into an active registration when the person turns 18.
- ✓ For more details, see the Connecticut Voter Fact Sheet and the Connecticut Secretary of State's Fact Sheet for First Time Voters.

Connecticut law does allow 17-year-olds to vote in primary elections, provided they will be 18 on or before the day of the next general election.<sup>2</sup>

Connecticut law does allow people under 18 to serve as poll workers. Students age 16 or 17 can serve as checkers, translators, or machine operators if they meet residency requirements, complete training, and have permission from a parent or school principal.<sup>3</sup>

For more information, see ACS's resources on pre-registration and youth poll workers in all 50 states.

*ACS encourages everyone to learn more about voter registration in their state. ACS is not a voter registration entity. This is simply an informational tool and is not intended, nor should it serve, as legal advice.*

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<sup>1</sup> Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann Sec 9-12(b), ("Any citizen who will have attained the age of eighteen years on or before the day of a regular election may apply for admission as an elector. If such citizen is found to be qualified the citizen shall become an elector on the day of the citizen's eighteenth birthday. The registrars shall add the name of any person applying under this subsection, if found qualified, to the registry list and, if applicable, to the enrollment list, together with the effective date of his registration."), and Conversation with CT Secretary of State's office, Feb 28, 2018.

<sup>2</sup> *Id*

<sup>3</sup> Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann Sec 9-235d