

Oregon

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.

- ✓ Oregon has pre-registration to vote starting at age 16.¹
- ✓ To pre-register, fill out the standard Oregon voter registration application [online](#).
- ✓ You can also print and complete the form in [English](#) or [Spanish](#) and either mail or drop-off the form to your [County Elections Office](#).
- ✓ If the minor will become age 18 on or before election day, his or her pre-registration is automatically activated and the ballot will be mailed to him or her 7-14 days before the election, enabling the individual to participate in absentee voting or voting by mail.²
- ✓ You can [check your registration status](#) online.

Oregon law does not allow those younger than 18 to vote in primary or special elections, even if they will be 18 by the time of the general election.³

Oregon uses very few poll-workers as it's entirely a vote-by-mail state.⁴

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.

¹ OR. REV. STAT. § 247.016; Enacted by [Oregon SB802](#), signed by the Governor June 22, 2017.

² Oregon Secretary of State, "[My Vote](#);" Telephone conversation with Candy at Elections Division of the Oregon Secretary of State, Feb 26, 2018.

³ *Supra* Note 1; *See also* attempted legislation, <https://www.billtrack50.com/BillDetail/825871>.

⁴ Election Assistance Commission [State-by-State Compendium of Election Worker Laws & Statutes](#), at 136, Note 7