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.

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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