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VOTER GUIDE

2016 Democratic Presidential Preference Primary

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Wisconsin State Government Accountability Board (GAB): (608) 266–8005 or (608) 261–2028

US Department of Justice: (800) 253–3931
Wisconsin’s Election Hotline: (866) VOTE–WIS
ACLU National Voter Protection Hotline: (866) OUR–VOTE

Bernie Headquarters in WI: (Click for Map)
   Green Bay: 163 N. Broadway
   Manitowoc: 932 S 12th St.
   Milwaukee: 1816 N Marshall St. & 642 W North Ave. - (203)–841–6711
   Kenosha: 5725 6th Ave – (561) 578–2470
   Beloit: 822B Broad St. – (734) 716–5233
   Madison: 122 State St. – (608) 422–5054
More offices can be found here https://vote.berniesanders.com/wi

Plenty of satellite offices are holding canvassing events around the state! From Hudson, to Racine, to Platteville, to Wausau, to Superior. Find an event or host one by CLICKING HERE.

VoteForBernie.org’s LIVE ‘Text Support’: 8023–We–Vote/(802)–393–8683
Or email us: contact@voteforbernie.org

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QUICK TIPS FOR VOTERS

● Check your voter registration status, and Party Status.
● Locate your polling place and note the hours of operation.
● Consider voting early if possible. If you plan to vote at the polls, go early in the day to avoid the last-minute rush.
● Check to see if you need identification to vote (see Voter ID section).
● Read all instructions carefully.
● Take your time.
● Ask for help if you need it.

WHO CAN VOTE

1. Can I vote in Wisconsin?

You can vote in the April 5 Open Primary if you’re registered to vote by Mail in deadline of March 16th, 2016 or in person deadline of April 1st, 2016 at your local Board of Elections. You may also register online at https://myvote.wi.gov. You can Affiliate by this time, or with an Open Primary, affiliate the day of the Primary. If you have moved, you may want to change your address before Primary Voting Day, law requires that you can vote at new location if you have been there 28 days prior to election.
Wisconsin has a great resource pages and guides for anything and everything about voting. Please check [http://www.gab.wi.gov/voters/resources](http://www.gab.wi.gov/voters/resources) and [https://myvote.wi.gov](https://myvote.wi.gov) (You must click ‘Regular Voter’, then go to ‘Information About Voting’) for a comprehensive Wisconsin guide and FAQ.

### 2. I am 17 years old. Can I vote?

All voters in Wisconsin must be at least 18 years of age on the day of the election to be eligible to vote. Persons who are otherwise eligible to vote may register to vote at 17 years of age if they will be 18 by the next election.


### 3. What if I’m a student?

College students often live at different addresses throughout the year (school address, summer address, etc.). However, students have the same rights to vote as any other resident if they are otherwise qualified to vote. State law specifically provides that student status shall not be a consideration in determining residence for the purpose of establishing voter eligibility. *College ID’s must be combined with a college tuition receipt at least 28 days old, and not to exceed 9 months for residency credentials.*

[https://myvote.wi.gov](https://myvote.wi.gov)
4. What if I’ve been convicted of a crime?

You are not eligible to vote in Wisconsin if you have been convicted of a felony and you are currently serving any portion of your sentence including extended supervision, probation, or parole, also known as being “on paper.”

Once you successfully complete your sentence and are no longer under the supervision of the state Department of Corrections (“off paper”) you regain your eligibility to vote. However, you must re-register to vote.

If you are in jail serving a sentence for a misdemeanor or awaiting trial for a felony, you are still eligible to vote – but will typically need to vote by absentee ballot.

https://myvote.wi.gov

5. What if I’m homeless?

Wisconsin’s election law embodies a commitment to facilitate voting for all qualified individuals, including those who happen to be homeless at the time of an election. If you are homeless, you may use a letter from a shelter or other organization providing services to the homeless as proof of residence when registering to vote. The G.A.B. has provided a sample letter at the link below.

http://www.gab.wi.gov/publications/brochures/enabling-homeless-voters
1. Registration Summary:

If you can register to vote in Wisconsin, please visit any of these options below to do so:

(1) **in person**, by filling out a voter registration form at your local elections office by **April 1st, 2016**;

(2) **by mail**, by filling out a voter registration form and mailing it to the State Board of Elections or your local elections office; **(must be postmarked by March 16th, 2016)**

(3) **online**, To vote in Wisconsin you must first register to vote. You can start the registration process using this website. First, search for your name and date of birth using the “Voter Search” option to confirm that you are not already registered. Then, select “Register to Vote” from the menu on the left. You can also register in-person at your local municipal clerk's office, with a special registration deputy, or at the polling place on Election Day.

[Here’s a list of all County/Municipal Clerks in Wisconsin](https://myvote.wi.gov)

All voters must submit proof of residence with their voter registration. [https://myvote.wi.gov](https://myvote.wi.gov)
2. What’s the registration deadline?

**By mail.** Up to 20 days (March 16th) before the election. Registration forms should be mailed to your municipal clerk. You can start your voter registration form online at [https://myvote.wi.gov](https://myvote.wi.gov) Your form must be printed, signed, and mailed or delivered, to your municipal clerk. You must always provide a Proof of Residence document when registering. If you are registering by mail, you can use any of the forms of Proof of Residence listed except a residential lease. **By Special Registration Deputy (SRDs).** SRDs are trained by some municipalities to collect voter registration forms. Those SRDs must turn in all registration forms by 5:00 pm on the 20th day before the election and cannot collect registrations after that date. You must always provide a Proof of Residence document when registering with an SRD. **In the municipal clerk’s office.** You may register in-person in your municipal clerk’s office up until the Friday before the election (April 1st) at 5:00 p.m. or close of business, whichever is later. You must always provide a Proof of Residence document when registering. **At the polling place on Election Day.** You may register at the polls on Election Day. You must always provide a Proof of Residence document when registering.


3. What if I’ve moved or changed my name?

If you have legally changed your name, you are required to update your voter registration. You may continue to vote using your former name until you obtain the required documentation to re-register using your
new name. You will also need an acceptable proof of residence document with your new name and current address on it.

If your address has changed, you need to re-register to vote. Remember:

- Wisconsin law requires that you live at your current address for 28 consecutive days to be eligible to vote from your new address.
- If you have lived at your new address for less than 28 consecutive days before the election you are still eligible to vote from your former address.
- If you have moved to Wisconsin less than 28 consecutive days before a Presidential election you may be eligible to cast a Presidential-only ballot.
- You will also need to provide an acceptable proof of residence document with your current address on it.

[https://myvote.wi.gov](https://myvote.wi.gov)

4. How do I know if I’m registered?

Find out if you are registered to vote. Search by your last name, first name, and date of birth. Search results will appear. Click on your name to view information specific to you, including who holds office in your area, where you vote, and what’s on your ballot. If your name does not appear, you are not registered to vote in Wisconsin, or you may need to conduct a search using a default birthdate. Instructions on how to conduct a search using the default birthdate (1/1/1900) are provided on the Voter Search page.

[https://myvote.wi.gov](https://myvote.wi.gov)
ABSENTEE BALLOTS

1. Who can use an absentee ballot?

If you are a regular voter or a voter who is overseas with the intent to return to the Wisconsin address where you are registered to vote, this page explains the process of how to request and return an absentee ballot by mail or in-person. If you are a military voter or a voter who is overseas with no intent to return to the United States, this page allows you to request an absentee ballot. These voters may mark an absentee ballot using this website or request to receive one by mail, e-mail or Fax. All absentee ballots must be returned by mail to your municipal clerk. This option will only appear once you have searched for and found your voter registration using “Voter Search”. [https://myvote.wi.gov](https://myvote.wi.gov)

2. What is the deadline to request an absentee ballot?

Request an Absentee Ballot by Mail

If you are a registered Wisconsin voter, download the [Application For Absentee Ballot](https://myvote.wi.gov) (GAB-121). Complete the form and mail it to your municipal clerk's office. You may also drop off the form in-person, send it via fax, or via email. You can find your clerk by selecting “My Clerk and Elected Officials” from the menu on the left after you have completed a “Voter Search” or “Address Search.” Your absentee ballot application for an absentee ballot must be received by the clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on the Thursday before the election in order for an absentee ballot to be mailed to you. If you are not
already registered, you will need to register to vote before an absentee ballot can be sent to you.

Military and Overseas voters have additional options for absentee ballot delivery. Click here for Military. Click here for Overseas.

Options and Deadlines for Returning Your Absentee Ballot

- **U.S. Postal Service:** Your completed absentee ballot must be postmarked no later than Election Day and received by the municipal clerk no later than 4 p.m. on the Friday after the election.
- **Other delivery (FedEx, UPS, hand-delivery, etc.):** Your completed absentee ballot must be delivered to the municipal clerk no later than 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Instructions for Completing Absentee Ballot

You can find detailed instructions here: Uniform Instructions for Absentee Voters.

In-Person Absentee Voting

You can also vote absentee in-person at your local municipal clerk's office or other designated location. In-person absentee voting generally is available the two weeks immediately before an election, opening the 3rd Monday before an election and closing at 5 p.m. or the close of business for the municipal clerk (whichever is later) on the Friday before an election. Please check with your municipal clerk for office hours. You can find your clerk and their contact information by selecting “My Clerk and Elected Officials” from the menu on the left after you have completed a “Voter Search” or on by going to “Address Search” and looking up information based on your voting address.

If you apply for an absentee ballot in your municipal clerk's office, you must vote immediately, seal your ballot in the proper envelope, and return it to a member of the clerk's staff. No ballots may be taken from the clerk's office. **Remember, you can only vote once!**

**Please note:** A recent change in state law prohibits a voter who has returned an absentee ballot from voting at the polling place on Election Day. Previously, voters who cast an absentee ballot and changed their minds could
go to the polling place and vote on Election Day, and their absentee ballot would not be counted. This is no longer an option.

https://myvote.wi.gov

EARLY VOTING

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2. **When can I vote early?**

See Early Voting Question 1, above, for all information.

3. **Where can I vote early?**

Refer to Early Voting Question 1, above, for all information.
VOTING ON PRIMARY DAY

1. When are the polls open?

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. You have the right to vote if you’re in line or inside your polling place when the polls close. You can check your polling location here: https://myvote.wi.gov

2. Can I get time off from work to vote?

Employees are entitled to up to 3 hours leave to vote. The employee must request leave before Election Day. Pay can be deducted for time lost. The employer can set the time for leave to vote.

3. Where do I vote?

This page shows your assigned polling place. Polling places can change from election to election. If you have an upcoming election scheduled where you live, the polling place designated for that election will appear. If no election is currently scheduled in your area, this page displays the normal polling place for your address. You must complete a “Voter Search” or “Address Search” first in order for this option to appear. https://myvote.wi.gov
4. What if my polling place is not accessible?

All polling places in Wisconsin must provide accessible voting equipment. If you are unable to make it into your polling place due to a disability, curbside voting from your car is also available. Please contact your local municipal clerk for details. You can find your clerk by selecting “My Clerk and Elected Officials” from the menu on the left after you have complete a “Voter Search” or “Address Search.”

More information for voters with disabilities about polling place and voting equipment accessibility can be found here.

Voting From Your Home If You Are Indefinitely Confined

If you are indefinitely confined to your home or have difficulties getting around due to age, physical illness, infirmity, or disability, you can make a single absentee ballot request to your local municipal clerk for all future elections. Absentee ballots will be sent to you automatically, so long as you return the ballots sent to you. If you are not registered to vote, you must register before an absentee ballot can be sent to you.

Voting From A Nursing Home Or Other Care Facility

Municipal clerks appoint Special Voting Deputies to conduct in-person absentee voting at nursing homes prior to Election Day. The date and time of the voting will be posted at the nursing home.

Special Voting Deputies may also be appointed to conduct in-person absentee voting at other care facilities, including community-based
residential facilities, retirement homes, residential care apartment complexes, and adult family homes licensed or certified by the state

Contact your municipal clerk for more information. To find your municipal clerk, click on “My Clerk and Election Officials” from the menu on the left after you have completed a “Voter Search” https://myvote.wi.gov You must be registered to vote before an absentee ballot may be issued to you.

5. Can I take election materials with me into my polling place?

Yes. You can take written or printed election materials with you as long as they’re for your own use in casting your ballot. Examples include a sample ballot, a voter guide, or this card. But you’re not allowed to show or distribute these materials to anyone else within 100 feet of your polling place.

6. Can I get a ballot in my native language?

Formas y Recursos
Si usted habla español, hay 20 formas de administración de elecciones traducidas, recursos y avisos del lugar de votación disponibles en nuestro sitio Web. Además de formas en español disponibles anteriormente, como el solicitud de inscripción de votante (GAB-131) y la solicitud de papeleta para elector ausente (GAB-121), el G.A.B. ahora está proveyendo materiales adicionales para los votantes y funcionarios electorales. Todos los avisos de lugar de votación requerido también han sido traducidos. Además, hay otros recursos como instrucciones de voto provisionales en español. Versiones imprimibles y descargables de los documentos pueden
encontrarse en la sección 'Formularios' en nuestra página (http://gab.wi.gov/forms/spanish).

Asistencia de lugar de votación
Que puede traer alguien con usted allugar de votación para ayudarle con el proceso de votación, mientras la persona que le ayuda no es un representante de su unión o su empleador. El ayudante puede ir con usted en la zona de votación y traducir la papeleta electoral y las instrucciones de votación para usted. El ayudante no tiene que ser un votante elegible, o de edad, para ayudarle a votar.

La ciudad de Milwaukee es requerido por la Ley Federal proporcionar materiales en español, incluyendo una papeleta traducida, en todos sus lugares de votación. También, trabajadores electorales bilingües están disponibles en lugares de votación designados para proporcionar ayuda con el idioma.

Forms and Resources
If you speak Spanish, there are 20 translated election administration forms, resources and polling place notices available on our website. In addition to previously available Spanish-language forms such as the Voter Registration Form (GAB-131) and the Absentee Ballot Application (GAB-121), the G.A.B. is now providing additional materials for use by voters and election officials. All required polling place notices have also been translated. In addition, other resources such as Spanish-language provisional voting instructions have been created. Printable and downloadable versions of the documents can be found in the 'Forms' section on our website (http://gab.wi.gov/forms/spanish).

Polling Place Assistance
You may bring someone with you to the polls to assist you with the voting process, as long as the person assisting you is not a representative of your union or your employer. The assistor can go with you into the voting area and translate the ballot and voting instructions for you. The assistor does not have to be an eligible voter, or of voting age, to help you. The City of Milwaukee is required by federal law to provide Spanish-language materials, including a translated ballot, at all of their polling places. Also, bilingual poll
workers are available at designated polling locations to provide language assistance. [https://myvote.wi.gov](https://myvote.wi.gov)

### 7. What if I need help in the voting booth?

If you need instructions on how to use the voting equipment, ask a poll worker for help. Poll workers are required to help you at any time you ask—even after you’ve entered the voting booth.

### 7. Need a Ride?

The website [unioncab.com](http://unioncab.com) will be providing **FREE** rides to the polls in certain locations!

Call **608-242-2000** to request a ride! Here is a list of areas they will provide rides to:

- Madison
- Sun Prairie
- Middleton
- Monona
- Shorewood
- Town of Madison
- Town of Blooming Grove (Segments within Madison)
- Town of Burke (Segments within Madison)
- Maple Bluff
- Fitchburg (North of Lacy Rd)

[More info can be found here](#)

**Southwest Community Action Program LIFT Program** can give you a volunteer driver ride to get an ID or to the polls.
The 18 county New Freedom Transportation Program operated by the Center for Independent Living of Western Wisconsin and North Country Independent Living offers a ride to get an ID or to the polls in the western and northwest counties. Transit systems in Janesville and Beloit all run routes that can get you to the DMV. Kenosha Transit provides rides to the polls until 7:30 pm on election day. Many aging units/ADRCs provide rides for the purpose of exercising your civic duty. If you don’t know how to access these services, the Mobility Manager can help you. Not sure who to contact? Use the interactive map at www.wi-mm.org. Contact the Mobility Manager in your area to get information and find out if these rides are offered in your area.

VOTER ID

1. Do I have to show ID?

Yes, Wisconsin has a new voter ID law, and a website at www.bringit.wi.gov to help you with all Identification issues.
2. What are the accepted forms of ID?

- A Wisconsin DOT-issued driver license, even if driving privileges are revoked or suspended
- A Wisconsin DOT-issued identification card
- A Wisconsin DOT-issued identification card or driver license without a photo issued under the religious exemption
- Military ID card issued by a U.S. uniformed service
- A U.S. passport
- An identification card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe in Wisconsin (May be used even if expired before the most recent general election.)

The following ID’s are also acceptable for voting purposes but MUST be unexpired:

- **NEW:** A veteran’s photo identification card issued by the Veterans Health Administration of the federal Department of Veterans Affairs
- A certificate of naturalization that was issued not earlier than two years before the date of an election at which it is presented
- A driving receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT (valid for 45 days)
- An identification card receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT (valid for 45 days)
- A photo identification card issued by a Wisconsin accredited university, college or technical college that contains date of issuance, signature of student, and an expiration date no later than two years after date of issuance. **Also, the university, college or technical college ID must be accompanied by a separate document that proves enrollment.**
A citation or notice of intent to revoke or suspend a Wisconsin DOT-issued driver license that is dated within 60 days of the date of the election.

Important things to know with Wisconsin ID:

- There is no such thing as a "Wisconsin Voter ID Card." The new Voter Photo ID Law uses existing photo IDs for people to prove their identity before voting.
- The address on your ID doesn’t have to be current. And the name on your ID doesn’t need to be an exact match for your name in the poll book. (So, Richards who go by Rich, Bobs who are also Roberts and Susans with IDs for Sue can all relax.)
- Of course, there are certain requirements. Your ID should look like you. Even if you’ve colored your hair, shaved your beard or lost some weight, as long as your photo ID reasonably resembles you, it should be accepted.
- College Students may use College ID in conjunction with a Tuition Bill/Receipt to prove residency. It is recommended that you bring the tuition receipt, College ID, and any other forms of ID to avoid issues when registering or at the polls. The tuition receipt must be at least 28 days and not to exceed 9 months old.

www.bringit.wi.gov

3. What if I don’t have any ID?

Request a provisional ballot, but it is best to try and find any of the above identifications and go to the polls.
PROBLEMS AT THE POLLS

1. What if I’m not on the voter list?

First, ask a poll worker to check the list again and to confirm that you’re at the right polling place for your address. If you’re at the right polling place but your name isn’t on the voter list, ask for a provisional ballot. You have the right to cast a provisional ballot, even if your name isn’t on the voter list, as long as you’re willing to swear or affirm that you believe you registered to vote.

2. What if I go to the wrong polling place?

Go to the right polling place. You can ask a poll worker to help you find the polling place where you’re registered. You can also call your local elections office or look up your polling place online at https://myvote.wi.gov

If you can’t figure out where you’re registered, go the polling place that you think is most likely to be the right one for your address and ask for a provisional ballot. You have the right to cast a provisional ballot even if you’re not sure that you’re at the right polling place.
3. What if someone challenges my right to vote?

You can establish your identity by presenting any form of ID required. If you have ID, you’ll be able to cast a regular ballot. Otherwise, you might have to vote by provisional ballot.

4. What if someone tries to intimidate or harass me?

Tell a poll worker right away. If the poll worker is the problem, tell a poll watcher, call your local board of elections (GAB) at (608) 266-8005 or (608) 261-2028, Wisconsin’s Voter Helpline at 1-866-VOTE-WIS or the National Voter Protection Hotline at 866-OUR-VOTE.

5. What if I make a mistake on my ballot or the voting machine malfunctions?

Tell a poll worker before you cast your ballot. Once you cast your ballot, it may be too late to change it.

If your voting machine malfunctions, notify a poll worker immediately and request a different machine.

6. How do I make a complaint?

First, ask for an election supervisor at your polling place. He or she can handle most routine complaints that arise on Election Day. Candidates, political parties, and nonprofit groups may also have poll watchers at your polling place that might be able to assist you. If any of those people ask
you whom you voted for, or if they can’t resolve your complaint, call the Wisconsin Voter Helpline at 1–866–VOTE–WIS or The National Voter Protection Helpline at 1–866–OUR–VOTE.

If you find any issues with this document, or have questions that aren’t answered, send an email to contact@voteforbernie.org.