Residents 18 and older can register to vote <u>ONLINE</u> or at the Town Clerk's office. To register on line, you must have a valid MA driver's license or a State issued ID card.

## Register to Vote

Any person who is a Massachusetts resident, a United States citizen, and will be eighteen years old as of the next election, is eligible to register to vote. First time voters in Massachusetts must provide a copy of their identification if registering to vote by mail. If no ID is provided, they will be required to show proof of residency at the polling location on Election Day. When signing the registration form, you must attest, under the pains and penalties of perjury, that you are legally eligible to register and that the information you provide is accurate and truthful. The penalty for fraudulent registration increased recently to a fine of ten thousand dollars or imprisonment for up to five years, or both.

You will remain on the list of voters so long as you vote regularly and complete and return the annual municipal census. If you move to another city or town, you must reregister in your new community.

Branches of the state Registry of Motor Vehicles, social service agencies, and military recruitment offices provide voter registration services.

Be sure to register to vote if you have moved from another community. <u>Click here</u> for additional information on voter registration

When you register to vote you may choose to register in a state political party, select a political designation (become affiliated with a political organization which has not received party status in Massachusetts) or choose no affiliation and become unenrolled (commonly referred to as an independent).

If you choose to register with a political party, you will only be able to receive the ballot of the selected party in a primary election. Your registration status also affects your ability to run for office in a partisan election.

## **Registration Deadlines**

Be aware that there are voter registration deadlines. You must register to vote at least twenty days before any Town or State election or the Presidential Primary. For additional information call the Town Clerk at (978) 468-5520 x1

