

The League of Women Voters wants you to vote!

Vote in your home: Apply to vote by mail

SB2608 An Act granting authority to postpone 2020 municipal elections in the Commonwealth and increase voting options in response to the declaration of emergency to respond to COVID-19. Reported in part from HB4398. Designated an emergency law, allowing for it to take immediate effect upon passage. 03/23/2020 – Signed by the Governor.

Summary: Authorizes municipalities with an election scheduled to take place before May 30, 2020 to postpone the election to a date on or before June 30, 2020; allows elected officials whose term was set to expire to continue to serve until the new election; requires public notification of the election postponement; sets the voter registration deadline at 10 days before the new election date; allows previously submitted absentee ballots to be counted for the new election; **expands absentee ballot eligibility to all those who are taking precautions related to COVID-19; expands early voting by mail for municipal elections held on or before June 30, 2020 to all eligible voters.**

You can avoid busy polling places on Election Day. Even voters who are not high risk but want to do their part to curb the Covid-19 virus should consider voting early this year. The more voters who cast their ballots early, the fewer long lines and crowds we will see on Election Day.

Applications for absentee ballots or to vote early are available to be downloaded and printed:

<http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/elev/evidx.htm>

<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/eleabsentee/absidx.htm>

Vote during non-peak hours

We are all familiar with crowds and long lines on Election Day, especially first thing in the morning, over lunch hours, and after work. Voters can limit their interaction with the public by planning to vote during non-peak hours, like the middle of the morning and afternoon.

Contact Information for your local election official

<http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/eleclk/clkidx.htm>

Voter Resources

For election information which is being updated regularly, go to [sec.state.ma.us/ele/eleidx.htm](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/eleidx.htm)

Remember.... We held an election during the Civil War. We held an election during the 1918 flu epidemic. We can hold an election now!