

An Informed Voter

Element #14 –The Vote– Your Responsibility

Objectives

- Citizen responsibility.
- The importance of each vote.
- The position at the county level responsible for the voting process.
- How to register to vote and how to check your voter registration.
- The impact of the ‘Motor Voter’ law in Oregon.
- Tools that can be used to evaluate candidates.
- Making sure your vote is counted.

Important Links

Benton County Clerk - <https://www.co.benton.or.us/elections>

Linn County Clerk - <https://www.co.linn.or.us/clerk>

Marion County Clerk - <https://www.co.marion.or.us/CO/Pages/default.aspx>

Oregon Secretary of State - <https://sos.oregon.gov/voting-elections/Pages/default.aspx>

Ballot Box Locations

Marion -

<https://www.co.marion.or.us/CO/elections/Results/Documents/20201103/Dropsites%20for%20the%20Web%209-30-20.pdf>

Linn -

<https://gis.co.linn.or.us/portal/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=ed4208c2c6db4ae983d64ab65562fc81>

Benton - <https://www.co.benton.or.us/elections/page/may-17-2022-primary-election-ballot-dropsites>

1. In Oregon there are typically **_two_** elections each year.
2. On the odd numbered years **special District** election is held in May and **Bond** measures in November.
 - a. School board member elections are held in **May** of odd numbered years.
3. On even numbered years, Federal, State, and County primary election is held in **May**. Bond measures, and general elections are held in **November**. Election for city council positions are held in **November**.
4. To Register to vote in Oregon you must be a **US** Citizen, resident of **Oregon** and at least **16** years old.
5. You can register to vote by going to the **Clerks** office or on-line.
 - a. You will need a **Drivers** License number.

6. After you have an interaction with the DMV you will be sent a postcard asking you to identify which political party you want to associate with. If you do not return the card, you will be registered as a **Un- Affiliated** voter.
7. If you write or make notes on a ballot, it will cause it to be **Hand** processed.
8. If you lost your ballot, did not receive a ballot, damaged your ballot, received the worn ballot, the problem is solved by going to the county **Clerks** office.