Election Day: November 3

Why should you vote?
Voting is the one of the most powerful ways to make your voice heard in our democracy, but in 2016, only 61.4% of the voting age population in the United States reported voting.

Modern technology has improved access to information on candidates and made it easier to register to vote in many areas, and it is vital to be aware of how you can participate in the 2020 election.

Rhode Island’s absentee and mail-in voting procedures
Permanent absentee / mail-in voting procedures:
- No excuse required to request an absentee ballot

2020 state absentee / mail-in voting status:
- Coronavirus updates: Witness/notary requirements for mail-in ballots suspended for the September 8, 2020, primary and November 3, 2020, general elections.

Deadlines to know for voting in Rhode Island
Voter registration deadline:
October 4, 2020
Thirty days before an election.

Absentee / Mail-In voting ballot deadlines:
Request must be received by
October 13, 2020
21 days before the election (emergency requests are possible within 20 days of the election)

Ballot submission deadline:
Received by 8:00 pm on November 3, 2020 (Election Day).

How can you register to vote in Rhode Island?
To register to vote in Rhode Island, visit the State Board of Elections website for more information on voter eligibility and the registration process.

You can begin the registration process through Rhode Island’s Online Voter Registration System.

State Election Office
http://www.elections.ri.gov

Online Voter Registration System
https://vote.sos.ri.gov/

Information is current as of: September 8, 2020