

Important Deadlines for the 2020 Special Primary Election for the 7th Congressional District

*January 14th is the Deadline to Register to Vote, Change Party Affiliation, Update an Address,
and Request a Polling Place Reassignment*

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Annapolis, Maryland (January 6, 2020): The Governor issued a proclamation declaring a special election for Maryland's 7th Congressional District to fill the House of Representatives vacancy. Important deadlines for the upcoming 2020 Special Primary Election for the 7th Congressional District are approaching. The deadline to register to vote, change party affiliation, update an address, and request a polling place reassignment for this election is **5:00 pm on Tuesday, January 14, 2020**.

To vote in the upcoming 2020 Special Primary Election, Maryland residents in the 7th Congressional District who are eligible to vote but are not yet registered – including 17-year-olds who will be 18 years old on or before the April 28th Special General Election – should register **by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, January 14, 2020**. This is also the last day for registered voters to update their address with their local board of elections or change their party affiliation. Only voters registered as Democrat or Republican are eligible to vote in the Special Primary Election.

Howard County residents with a Maryland driver's license or MVA-issued ID may register to vote, change their address, or change their party affiliation online at voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/OnlineVoterRegistration

Voters and members of the military, their spouses and dependents who are overseas and who do not have a Maryland driver's license or MVA-issued ID, may also register or change their address or party affiliation online using different identifying information.

Paper voter registration applications must be hand-delivered or mailed to the Howard County Board of Elections. A hand-delivered application must be received by the Howard County Board of Elections by 5:00 pm on January 14, 2020 and a mailed application must be postmarked by January 14, 2020.

Voter registration applications are available throughout Maryland at the following locations:

Local boards of elections	Recruitment offices of the U.S. Armed Forces
Motor Vehicle Administration offices	Public institutions of higher education
State Department of Health offices	Marriage license bureaus
Local Department of Social Services offices	Post offices
Offices on Aging	Public libraries
Division of Rehabilitation Services	State Board of Elections
The MTA Paratransit Certification Office	

You may also call 1-800-222-8683 to request an application by mail or download and print a voter registration application at: elections.maryland.gov/voter_registration/application.html

Most of Maryland's polling places are accessible to voters with disabilities. An elderly voter or a voter with a disability who is assigned to an inaccessible polling place may ask to be reassigned to an accessible polling place. This request must be submitted in writing by **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 14, 2020**. The request

form is available online at elections.maryland.gov/pdf/request_for_accessible_polling_place.pdf. Voters can also call 1-800-222-8683 to request a form by mail. On receipt of a timely request, the Howard County Board of Elections will review the request and determine whether there is an accessible polling place with the same ballot as the voter's home precinct and notify the voter of the status of his or her request.

To verify voter registration status or to find out if an assigned polling place is accessible, voters may visit: voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/VoterSearch.

The 2020 Special Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, February 4, 2020. There will be no early voting for the 2020 Special Primary Election. Voters may vote by absentee ballot or go to their polling place on the Special Primary's election day.

If an individual misses the January 14th deadline to register, they will have the opportunity to register to vote at their polling place. To register to vote on election day, individuals need to go to their assigned polling place where they live and bring a document that proves where they live. This can be an MVA-issued license, ID card, or change of address card, paycheck, bank statement, utility bill, or other government document that includes the voter's name and address.

Voters can find their polling place online at: voterservices.elections.maryland.gov/PollingPlaceSearch

For more information, voters may contact the Howard County Board of Election at 410-313-5820 or the State Board of Elections at 1-800-222-VOTE (8683) or visit elections.maryland.gov.

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