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### Voting for Students

For many students, voting is a new experience and registering to vote is the first step in the process. Some students attending school in Massachusetts may consider their school address their residence for voting purposes while others may still consider their home address their residence for voting purposes. In either case, the student must register in order to be eligible to vote. Below please find frequently asked questions regarding voting for students.

#### **Do I need to register to vote?**

If you would like to vote in Massachusetts, you must register twenty days before the election.

#### **I am a student living in Massachusetts for college. Do I need to register to vote in Massachusetts or my home state?**

You may register in either state depending on which address you consider your residence for voting purposes. You may register from your home state and request that an absentee ballot be mailed to you, or you may register to vote from your Massachusetts address. You may not, however, be registered to vote in more than one place.

#### **I am a Massachusetts resident living out of state for school. How do I vote?**

If you consider your Massachusetts home address your residence for voting purposes, you may request that your city or town mail you an absentee ballot. While the deadline to request an absentee ballot is 12 noon on the day before the election, please be sure to allow enough time for the ballot to reach you and to be returned to your city or town by Election Day.

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