

# EARLY VOTING Q & A

## WHAT IS EARLY VOTING?

Early voting allows you to vote in person at an early voting poll site within your county for nine (9) days, before the scheduled Election Day. You do not need a reason or excuse to vote early.

The poll site for early voting will not be your usual poll site location. Steuben County will have 1 poll site open for early voting.

Steuben County's Early Voting site will be held at 20 East Morris Street in Bath NY, at the new Steuben County Annex Building.

## IF YOU ARE GOING TO VOTE ON ELECTION DAY, YOU WILL GO TO YOUR REGULARLY ASSIGNED POLL SITE TO VOTE.

If you vote in person, during early voting, you are **NOT eligible** to vote by either absentee ballot or in person on Election Day.

## WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT THE EARLY VOTING POLL SITE?

Voting at an early voting poll site will be just like voting at your regular poll site. The early voting site will have electronic poll books instead of paper signature books. Once you sign in you will be given your ballot for your town and district and you will vote it like normal and scan the ballot into the voting machine to be counted.

## DO I NEED TO BE A REGISTERED VOTER TO VOTE EARLY OR CAN I REGISTER AT AN EARLY VOTING POLL SITE?

You must be registered to vote before the cutoff date of any election. NYS does not have same day registration; you cannot register to vote and then vote on the same day. Cutoff dates for voter registration is 25 days before the election. The cutoff dates for the current year's elections can be found on our main webpage.

Voter registration forms are available on the [NYS BOE website](#) or you can register online through the [NYS Department of Motor Vehicles](#) if you have a NYS DMV license, permit or ID.

## WILL THE EARLY VOTING SITE HAVE A LIST OF ALL REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE COUNTY?

In Steuben County, only one poll site will be available for early voting and that will be at the County Board of Elections building located at 20 E Morris St. in Bath. There will be electronic poll books that will have all active registered voters in Steuben County listed.

## IS THE BALLOT THE SAME DURING EARLY VOTING AS IT IS ON ELECTION DAY?

Yes, the ballot you will receive during early voting will be identical to the ballot provided on Election Day.

## WHEN WILL MY VOTE BE COUNTED IF I VOTE EARLY?

Ballots voted during early voting will be counted on Election Day after 8pm. No results will be posted until after 9pm Election Day when all polls are closed.

## CAN I CHANGE MY VOTE IF I VOTE EARLY?

No, once you have submitted your ballot in person during early voting, you cannot vote again at an early voting poll site or at your regular poll site on Election Day. Once you submit your ballot, you have completed voting and cannot change your vote.

## WHAT IF MY NAME IS NOT IN THE ELECTRONIC POLL BOOK?

If you go to vote either during early voting or on Election Day, and your name is not in the poll book, you will be given an affidavit envelope and ballot. You will fill out the affidavit envelope making sure you enter your current address, then vote your ballot and place it inside the affidavit envelope.

After Election Day, the County Board of Elections office will research your registration and count your affidavit ballot, if you are a qualified voter. Steuben County Board of Elections will send you a letter advising you whether or not your vote was counted. If your vote did not count we will inform you as to why it did not count. The election staff will want to verify your address to make sure you are given the correct ballot to vote.

## WHAT IF I MOVED OR I AM MOVING DURING THE EARLY VOTING PERIOD?

A statewide voter registration transfer law, also known as “Registration Portability” went into effect in 2019. This law requires the Board of Elections to transfer registration and enrollment of a voter appearing on a statewide voter list to wherever the voter moves within NYS. So if you move, even to a different county in NYS, and your new county has not been notified of your change of address, you can vote an affidavit ballot either at your new county's Early Voting site before Election Day or at the poll site for your new address if voting on Election Day, and your affidavit ballot will be counted once your new address is verified.

As this is a new law, we strongly recommend that if you have moved within NYS, you submit a voter registration form with your new information to your new Board of Elections or visit MyDMV to change your registration online, if you have a NYS driver's license. If you need to file a change of address form with the Department of Motor Vehicles, you can notify the Board of Elections of your address change at the same time by checking “yes” for that option on DMV's Form MV-232.