

# **Tips for Voters - New Election Laws**

#### **Voter Registration**

- Update your voter registration online if you moved or changed your name <a href="here">here</a>. You will need your TDL or ID Card, SSN, and Voter Registration Card VUID (Voter Unique Identifier) number which may be found when you check <a href="here">am I registered</a>.
- For college student voters living away from home, it is safest and easiest to register and vote at your school address.
- For voters without a residence, in the space for residence address, it's safest to put the street address of an agency where you receive aid. In the space for mailing address, if you have one, put the P.O. Box where you receive your mail.

# **Early Voting**

- You must be allowed to cast a ballot if you are in line before the poll closing time.
- Small counties now provide longer hours for early voting.

# Vote By Mail (VBM)

- New! Who else qualifies?
  - Voters expecting to give birth within three weeks before or after election day
- Coming soon! VBM tracker and "Cure" process @ votetexas.gov
  - Track your VBM application and VBM ballot throughout the election process
  - Provide contact information on your VBM application so the county may contact you if you need to fix an error with your application or ballot.
- Voters
  - Request a VBM application from your county election office
  - Provide Voter ID (TXDL, Personal ID, EIC Number or, if not available, the last four of SSN) on your VBM application and VBM ballot carrier envelope
  - Use the same Voter ID number on your voter registration application, VBM application, and VBM carrier envelope.
- Organizations and Leagues
  - Counties may not provide applications to organizations. Print VBM applications to share with voters.

#### Poll watchers

• Poll watchers are required to take training and sign an oath but have fewer restrictions on movement and observation.

## Persons who assist voters

- Persons who assist voters with a VBM application, VBM ballot, or in-person ballot must provide their relationship to the voter, address, sign an oath, and mark that they didn't receive compensation.
- Persons who drive 7 or more voters who qualify for curbside voting must sign a form which is shared with the Secretary of State and the Attorney General's office.

### For more information or assistance

- LWVTexas.org or VOTE411.org
- Election Protection <u>866ourvote.org</u> 866-687-8683
- Texas Secretary of State <u>VoteTexas.gov</u> (800) 252-VOTE