



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
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MEDIA ALERT TO ALL POLITICAL REPORTERS AND EDITORS:

The Federal Election Commission's National Clearinghouse on Election Administration has learned there is some public confusion about the rights of citizens to register on election day to vote for the office of President.

Voter registration rules and procedures are determined by the state in which the voter resides and not by the federal government.

In 45 states, residents must have registered prior to election day. Specific voter registration deadlines are determined by those states.

Five states permit residents to register on election day: Alaska, Maine, Minnesota, Rhode Island and Wisconsin. North Dakota does not have voter registration.

Again, there is no federal law permitting unregistered citizens to vote on election day.

Questions about voting should be directed to state and local election officials.

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