

Frequently Asked Questions

What Does “Resident” Mean for Voting?

You are considered a resident of South Dakota if:

- You have a fixed, permanent place where you live and usually sleep for at least 30 consecutive days
- You plan to come back to South Dakota if you leave for a while.

You can read the full statute at the bottom of this page.

Other details:

- If you live in a South Dakota county but temporarily go to another county, state, or territory, you are still a resident of your home county.
- If you live somewhere in South Dakota and don’t plan to move, that’s your residence
- You stop being a South Dakota resident if you move to another state or territory and plan to live there permanently.
- You can only be a resident of one place at a time.

Who Can Register to Vote?

You can register to vote if:

- You are a resident of South Dakota (as explained at the bottom of this page).
- You meet the voter qualifications (for example, age, citizenship) for the next municipal, primary, general, or school district election.

Where you vote:

You can only vote in the precinct (local voting area) where you live.

Which ID Do I Have to Provide?

What if you don’t have a South Dakota driver’s license, state ID, or social security number?

You must:

- Complete your registration in person at your County Auditor’s Office
- Fill out and sign a statement under oath saying you do not have any of the required IDs

What ID do I need to bring with me to vote?

You must show a photo ID. Approved IDs include:

- South Dakota driver’s license or nondriver ID
- U.S. passport or other U.S. government-issued photo ID
- Military ID
- Student ID from a South Dakota high school or college
- Tribal photo ID

No ID?

You can still vote by signing a personal identification affidavit.

How Do Primary Elections Work for Voters in South Dakota?

In a primary election:

- Voters only receive a ballot for their registered party
- If you’re registered as Independent (IND) or No Party Affiliation (NPA), you may choose a ballot based on the party’s rules

Here’s how it works in South Dakota:

- Democratic Primary: Open to Democrats and IND/NPA voters
- Libertarian Primary: Open to Libertarians, and IND/NPA voters
- Republican Primary: Only open to registered Republicans

Is Your Voter Information Public?

What is public:

- Your name
- Your address
- Your party
- Year of birth
- Email address
- Phone number
- Registration info

These can be used for election purposes.

What is private:

- Month and day of birth
- Driver’s license number
- Social Security Number
- The source of your registration

What Does “Inactive” Mean?

You’re marked “inactive” if you haven’t voted or updated your voter information in four years.

- Inactive voters can still vote
- You’ll just be asked to update your registration when you vote

12-1-4. Resident defined--Intention.

For the purposes of this title, “resident” means an individual who maintains an actual fixed permanent dwelling, establishment, or any other abode where the individual lives and usually sleeps for at least thirty consecutive days. An individual who is a resident of this state remains a resident during an absence from this state, if the individual intends to return to this state after a period of absence. An individual may only be a resident of one place.

If an individual who is a resident of a county of this state, goes into another county of this state or another state or territory for a temporary purpose, the individual remains a resident of the county.

An individual is considered to be a resident of the county or municipality of this state in which the individual actually lives, if the individual has no present intention of leaving.

An individual remains a resident of this state until the individual becomes a resident of another state. If an individual moves from this state to another state or territory with the intention of becoming a resident of that state or territory for any purpose, the individual is no longer a resident this state.

12-4-1. Persons entitled to register--Precinct.

An individual who is a resident of this state, as defined in § 12-1-4, and has or will have the qualifications of a voter prescribed by § 12-3-1 or 12-3-1.1 at the next ensuing municipal, primary, general, or school district election, is entitled to be registered as a voter in the election precinct in which the person maintains residence.

An individual eligible to vote may vote only in the election precinct where the person maintains residence.

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