

Alabama

Registration Deadline

Forms must be received 10 days before an election.¹

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Database Implementation Status

Alabama has not responded to this survey. Alabama signed a contract with Diebold Election Systems in May 2005 to build a new statewide voter registration database. The system was not complete by January 1, 2006, but is projected to be ready by November 2006.² It appears that the existing statewide voter registration list, the Alabama Voter Information Network (“ALVIN”), is a bottom-up system, with a centralized state list containing information submitted on a regular basis by each county board of registrars.³

Entering Voter Registration Information

Who inputs voter registration information? County boards of registrars generally enter information from voter registration forms in their jurisdictions into the statewide system.⁴

What happens to voter registration forms submitted at state registration agencies? Alabama has not responded to this survey and has no relevant policy reflected in state law.

How are most forms submitted? Alabama reported that in 2004, 37% of forms were submitted by mail, 43% were submitted in person to election officials, 5% were submitted at the DMV, 2% were submitted at another voter registration agency, and 14% were submitted by other means.⁵

Voter Registration Form

The relevant portions of the voter registration form are included at the end of this section.⁶

Processing of Forms Without Identifying Numbers

Alabama has not responded to this survey and has no relevant policy reflected in state law.

Matching Against Motor Vehicle and Social Security Records

What fields from the voter registration form will the state seek to match to motor vehicle or Social Security records? Identifying number, full name, and date of birth.⁷

Description of matching process: Alabama has not responded to this survey and has no relevant policy reflected in state law.

Notice and Opportunity to Resolve Errors

Alabama has not responded to this survey and has no relevant policy reflected in state law.

Identification Requirements at the Polls

Who must provide identification at the polls? Every voter other than a first-time voter registering by mail who submitted with her registration ID or an identifying number that has been verified must show ID at the polls, or be identified by two election officials as a voter on the poll list.⁸

Forms of ID:

every voter	valid government photo ID
except 1 st -time voters	valid employer photo ID
registering by mail	valid Alabama school photo ID
with a verified	current utility bill w/ name, address
identifying number:	bank statement w/ name, address
	government check w/ name, address
	paycheck w/ name, address
	other gov't document w/ name, address
	identified by two election officials

What forms of identification are accepted? Current and valid photo ID issued by the government, an employer, or an Alabama college, university, or postgraduate technical or professional school, or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the voter's name and address.⁹

What are the consequences of failing to show identification? The voter may cast a provisional ballot.¹⁰ The ballot will be counted if the county board of registrars determines that the voter is eligible to vote.¹¹

Statutes and Regulations

ALA. CODE §§ 17-4-120 *et seq.* generally concern voter registration. ALA. CODE §§ 17-4-187 and 17-4-210 direct the Secretary of State to develop and maintain a single statewide voter registration list of all qualified electors in the state. There are no applicable regulations.

End Notes

¹ ALA. CODE § 17-4-120.

² electionline.org, *Statewide Voter Registration Database Status*, at <http://www.electionline.org/Default.aspx?tabid=288>; Sallie Owen, *Voter Registration System Now 'Substantially Compliant'*, MOBILE REG., Oct. 6, 2005, available at <http://www.al.com/printer/printer.ssf?/base/news/11285905038410.xml>.

³ See ALA. CODE § 17-4-214.

⁴ See *id.* § 17-4-253.

⁵ Election Assistance Commission, *The Impact of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 on the Administration of Elections for Federal Office 2003-2004*, June 30, 2005, tbl. 2, available at http://www.eac.gov/NVR_Spreadsheets/NVRA_table_2.html. Due to rounding, the percentages listed may exceed 100%.

⁶ It appears that Alabama law contemplates that an applicant will provide either a driver's license number, a non-driver's identification number, or the last four digits of her SSN, but these numbers are not presently requested on the voter registration form. *Id.* § 17-4-214.

⁷ *Id.* § 17-10A-1(b)(2).

⁸ *Id.* §§ 17-10A-1; 17-11A-1.

⁹ *Id.*

¹⁰ *Id.*

¹¹ *Id.* § 17-10A-2(e).

State of Alabama Postcard Voter Registration Form

FOR USE BY U.S. CITIZENS ONLY u FILL IN ALL BOXES ON THIS FORM! u USE INK! u DO NOT USE A PENCIL!

You can use this form to:

- ▶ Register to vote in Alabama.
- ▶ Update your voter registration record, if you have changed your name or address.

Deadline for submitting application:

Registration and updating of voter records cuts off ten days prior to each election in Alabama.

To register to vote in the State of Alabama, you must:

- ▶ Be a citizen of the United States.
- ▶ Reside in Alabama.
- ▶ Be at least 18 years old.
- ▶ Have not been convicted of a felony, or if you have been convicted, you must have had your civil rights restored.
- ▶ Have not been declared "mentally incompetent" by a court.

Statement of U.S. Citizenship

Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes No

Attention! If you answered "no," you are not eligible to register to vote in the State of Alabama.

① Your name:	Last	First	Middle

② Maiden Name / Former name (if reporting a change of name)

③ Home Telephone	④ Work Telephone	⑤ Inside City Limits? If yes, please name the city:	⑥ County where you live
		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

Addresses	⑦ Current	Address where you live: (do not use post office box)	House Number and Street	City	State	ZIP
	Old	Address where you receive your mail:	House Number and Street (or PO Box)	City	State	ZIP
		Address where you were last registered to vote: (do not use post office box)	House Number and Street	City	County	State

Social Security Number:

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Social Security Number is requested, but not required, by authority of §17-4-122, Code of Alabama, 1975, for record-keeping purposes.

⑧ Date of Birth (month, day, year)	⑪ Place of Birth	City	County	State	Country

⑨ Race (check one)
<input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Other

⑩ Sex (check one)
<input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male

⑫ Map / Diagram
<p>If your house has no street number or name, please draw a map of where your house is located. Please include roads and landmarks.</p>

⑬ Did you receive assistance?
<p>If you are unable to sign your name, who helped you fill out this application? Give name, address, and phone number (phone number is optional).</p>

REGISTRARS USE ONLY
County Pct _____
City Pct _____
DATE APPROVED _____
Board member _____
Board member _____
Board member _____

VOTER DECLARATION - READ AND SIGN

- ▶ I am a U.S. citizen
- ▶ I live in the State of Alabama
- ▶ I am at least 18 years old
- ▶ I am not barred from voting by reason of a felony conviction
- ▶ I have not been judged "mentally incompetent" in a court of law

I SOLEMNLY SWEAR OR AFFIRM TO SUPPORT AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE STATE OF ALABAMA AND FURTHER DISAVOW ANY BELIEF OR AFFILIATION WITH ANY GROUP WHICH ADVOCATES THE OVERTHROW OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES OR THE STATE OF ALABAMA BY UNLAWFUL MEANS AND THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS TRUE, SO HELP ME GOD.

Your Signature: _____ Date: _____

WARNING! If you sign this statement even though you know it is untrue, you can be convicted and imprisoned for up to five years.

Questions? Do you need assistance?

Please call your county Board of Registrars at the number listed on the back of this form.

You may also call the Alabama Office of Voter Registration at 334-242-4337.

Call the Office of Secretary of State Nancy L. Worley
at 1-800-274-VOTE (1-800-274-8683) or 334-242-7210

