



Voting and Elections

Staunton Citizen University

Presented by Staunton Electoral Board and the Registrar of Voters



Administration

State Board of Elections

3-member governing board appointed by the governor

Department of Elections (ELECT)

The Commissioner of Elections is appointed by the governor and employs the personnel required to carry out the duties imposed by the State Board of Elections.

Local Electoral Board

Appointed by the Circuit Court Judge/Judges with input from Democratic & Republican Committee Chairs

Registrar

Appointed by the local Electoral Board
Follows Code of Virginia and ELECT guidelines
Registrar hires own staff

Our office:

Registrar (full-time) – Molly Goldsmith
Chief Assistant Registrar (part-time) – Martha Fretwell
Assistant Registrar (part-time) – Shirley Peterson



Voter Registration

The Registrar's Office maintains an accurate list of registered voters for the City of Staunton and administers elections in a fair, efficient, and equitable manner in accordance with the election laws of the U.S. Constitution and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Registered Voters – 16,362

To be Eligible to Register to Vote in Virginia a Person must:

- ✓ Be a resident of Virginia
- ✓ Be a U.S. Citizen
- ✓ Be 18 years old
- ✓ Not currently declared mentally incompetent by a court of law
- ✓ If convicted of a felony, your right to vote must have been restored

Where to Register:

- ◆ In any Registrar's office
- ◆ DMV Office
- ◆ Online
- ◆ Mail
- ◆ To find more places to register visit:
<https://www.elections.virginia.gov/registration/how-to-register/index.html>

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List Maintenance (ELECT)

- ◆ Voter and Election Registration Information System (VERIS)
 - ◆ Local Office Responsibilities
- ◆ ERIC and Crosscheck
- ◆ Confirmation Mailings

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Who Conducts the Election in Virginia?

- ◆ Local Electoral Boards
- ◆ Officers of Elections
- ◆ General Registrars
- ◆ Virginia State Board of Elections
- ◆ Virginia Department of Elections (ELECT)

Staunton Electoral Board

- Chairman, Glenn A. Graves
 - Vice-Chairman, Beth G. Young
 - Secretary, Anne Fitzgerald
- ◆ Appoints the General Registrar
 - ◆ Appoints the Officers of Election
 - ◆ Trains Officers of Election
 - ◆ Purchases and maintains the voting equipment
 - ◆ Conducts the election
 - ◆ Certifies the results of the election

Positions

Chief

Assistant Chief

Election Official

Alternate



Qualifications

Duties

Training

- ◆ 90 days to Election Day
- ◆ 60 Days to Election Day
- ◆ **45 Days to Election Day**
- ◆ 22 Days to Election Day
- ◆ 3 Days to Election Day
- ◆ 2 Days to Election Day
- ◆ 1 Day to Election Day

Election Day

Polls Open from 6 a.m. – 7 p.m.

What does the Electoral Board do on Election Day?

What does the Registrar and her staff do on Election Day?

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Post Election Procedures

The Canvass

Provisional Ballot Meeting

- Can you please explain Provisional Ballots to me?

3 Days after the Election

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General, Local and Special Elections – Staunton

May 2018 (School Board and City Council) – 18%

November 2017 (U.S. Senate and House of Representatives) – 48% **Virginia – 55%**

May 2016 (School Board and City Council) – 13%

November 2016 (President, U.S. Senate and House of Representatives) – 67% **Virginia – 75%**

November 2015 (Virginia Senate and House of Delegates) – 19% **Virginia – 30%**

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- ◆ How do organizations get my home address?
 - ◆ How do I know my voting equipment is accurate?
 - ◆ Can I register people to vote?
 - ◆ How do I vote if I don't have a photo ID?



Contact Us

The Next Election is: November 6, 2018

- Last day to register to vote: **October 15, 2018**
- Last day to request absentee ballot online/mail: **October 30, 2018**
- Last day to vote absentee in person: **November 3, 2018**
- **Saturdays** that the Registrar's Office is open for absentee voting:
 - **October 30, 2018**
 - **November 3, 2018**



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[https://www.ci.staunton.va.us/departments/
registrar](https://www.ci.staunton.va.us/departments/registrar)



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Thank You!