

Voter Registration Information

The 1998 Higher Education Act requires post-secondary institutions to make a good faith effort to distribute the mail voter registration form to each degree- or certificate-seeking student who attends classes on their campus.

The University of Texas at Austin must make the mail voter registration form, supplied by the State of Texas, available before the registration cut-off date for every federal and Texas gubernatorial election, as well as special elections for federal office. Mail voter registration forms are available at the main desk at the Perry-Castañeda Library at 101 E. 21st St. on the UT Austin Campus.

Texas law requires eligible voters to register by the 30th day before Election Day.

Resources

Any student not registered to vote may obtain information at votetexas.gov.

For election dates, voter registration information, ballot by mail lookup and information on how to become an election worker, visit the Travis County Clerk [Elections Division website](#).

1998 Higher Education Act

Title IV – Student Assistance, Part G – General Provisions 489. Program Participation Agreements

PROVISION OF VOTER REGISTRATION FORMS

(1) PROGRAM PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT – Section 487(a) (20 U.S.C. 1094(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

(23)(A) The institution, if located in a state to which section 4(b) of the National Voter Registration Act (42 U.S.C. 1973gg-2(b)) does not apply, will make a good faith effort to distribute a mail voter registration form, requested and received from the state, to each student enrolled in a degree or certificate program and physically in attendance at the institution, and to make such forms widely available to students at the institution.

(B) The institution shall request the forms from the state 120 days prior to the deadline for registering to vote within the state. If an institution has not received a sufficient quantity of forms to fulfill this section from the state within 60 days prior to the deadline for registering to vote in the state, the institution shall not be held liable for not meeting the requirements of this section during that election year.

(C) This paragraph shall apply to elections as defined in section 301(1) of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 431(1)) and includes the election for governor or other chief executive within such State).

(2) REGULATION PROHIBITED – No officer of the executive branch is authorized to instruct the institution in the manner in which the amendment made by this subsection is carried out.

The Higher Education Amendments of 2008 added the following text to the Voter Registration Act:

(D) The institution shall be considered in compliance with the requirements of subparagraph (A) for each student to whom the institution electronically transmits a message containing a voter registration form acceptable for use in the state in which the institution is located, or an Internet address where such a form can be downloaded, if such information is in an electronic message devoted exclusively to voter registration.