

Louisiana

Voting is the cornerstone right of our democracy. You can only have your voice and your needs reflected in government if you vote. Pre-registration is an important tool that allows people younger than 18 to vote as soon as they are eligible.

- ✓ Louisiana has pre-registration to vote at age 16, but only if you register in person at a [Registrar of Voters](#) or [Motor Vehicle](#) office.
- ✓ For registration by other means, the minimum age is 17.¹ Seventeen year-olds can fill out the standard LA voter registration form [online](#), or mail-in the [print](#) form.²
- ✓ Your pre-registration will be converted automatically into an active registration when you turn 18, and you are eligible to participate in early voting if you will be 18 on election day.³ You can [check your registration status](#) online.

Louisiana law does not allow those younger than 18 to vote in primary elections, even if they will be 18 by the time of the general election. You can only vote once you turn 18.⁴

Louisiana law does allow people age 17 to serve as poll-workers.⁵ To serve, you must meet all the other requirements to register to vote in the ward you will work in, besides being 18, and you must be enrolled in 12th grade (or homeschool equivalent), have graduated high school, or have a GED.

For more information, see ACS's resources on [pre-registration](#) and [youth poll workers](#) in all 50 states.

ACS encourages everyone to learn more about voter registration in their state. ACS is not a voter registration entity. This is simply an informational tool and is not intended, nor should it serve, as legal advice.

¹ LA. STAT. ANN. § 18:101 A(2)-(3) (2018).

² The print form ([LA-VRA - Rev. 4/17](#)) asks, "Will you be 18 years of age on or before election day?" but at note 1 of the application instructions, it clarifies, "If you are registering as a 16 or 17 year old, you may check 'Yes' because you will not be allowed to vote until you are 18."

³ Conversation with Orleans Parish Registrar of Voters office, Feb. 21, 2018

⁴ *Supra* note 1.

⁵ LA. STAT. ANN. § 425(B)(4) (2018).

