

# **New Bedford Election Commission reminds the public of voter registration deadline, early voting available**

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The New Bedford Election Commission reminds the public that February 12, 2020, will be the last day to register to vote in order to participate in the presidential primary election on March 3, 2020, as well as to notify the Election Commission of any change in voter name or address.

In the presidential primary election on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, registered voters may cast their votes for their presidential preference, state committeeman, state committeewoman, and ward committee.

The voter registration deadline is also the deadline to change your party affiliation with the Election Commission office. If you wish to change your party enrollment, you may do so by filling out a new voter registration form. Members of political parties may vote only in their own party's primary elections. Unenrolled voters (commonly referred to as "Independents") and members of political designations or minor parties may vote in the party primary of their choice. Choosing to vote in a particular party's primary does not enroll you as a member of that party.

The Election Commission Office, located at New Bedford City Hall, 133 William Street, in Room 114, will remain open on Wednesday, February 12, until 8:00 p.m. in order to allow the public more time to complete the voter registration process

and make necessary updates to their name or address.

Early voting is available February 24 through February 28; absentee ballots available.

Any voter who is unable to get to the polls on Election Day may vote by absentee ballot, either in the Election Office during regular business hours, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., or during early voting.

On Saturday, February 29, City Hall will be open from 9:00 am. to 12 Noon with absentee ballots available. Parents or family members can apply for an absentee ballot on behalf of their children attending colleges or universities outside the city or state.

Absentee ballots must be returned to the Election Commission Office by 7:30 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, March 3, 2020. The deadline to cast or apply for an absentee ballot in the Election Commission office is Monday, March 2, at 12 Noon.

Early voting will occur in the Main Library, 613 Pleasant Street, in the 3rd Floor Meeting Room from 8:00 to 4:00 p.m. each day on the following dates:

- Monday, February 24
- Tuesday, February 25
- Wednesday, February 26
- Thursday, February 27
- Friday, February 28

Any New Bedford resident who is uncertain about their voting status, designated polling location, who has changed their address since the last election or has any questions regarding voter registration, absentee ballots, or early voting, should contact the Election Commission office at 508-979-1420.