

CAMBRIA COUNTY

ELECTION INFORMATION GUIDE FOR 2016

ELECTIONS:

Election Dates: **Primary – April 26, 2016**
 General – November 8, 2016

Voting Hours: **7 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

Offices on the 2016 Ballot:

Federal Races: **President of the United States**
 U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative
 National Delegates and Alternate Delegates
 9th and 12th Congressional Districts

Statewide Races: **Attorney General**
 Auditor General
 State Treasurer

State-Level Races: **Senator in the General Assembly**
 Representative in the General Assembly
 71st, 72nd and 73rd Districts

PETITION INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The first day to circulate and file a petition for Democrats and Republicans is **Jan 26, 2016**.
The last day to circulate and file a petition is **Feb. 16, 2016**. Packets will be available from the
Department of State in Harrisburg – where the petitions will also be filed.
The first day to file Nomination Papers for minor party and independent candidates is **Feb. 17, 2016**.
The last day to circulate and file nominating papers is **Aug. 1, 2016**.

VOTER REGISTRATION:

April Primary: **March 28, 2016**

General November Election: **October 11, 2016**

If you have moved since you last voted, you need to register at your current address.

If your name has changed as a result of marital status or some other reason, you need to register under your new name.

If you have not voted in more than five years, there is a good chance your voting status has been made inactive or canceled. If you are inactive, you can vote but you are required to show a proper form of identification and sign an affirmation. If you have been canceled, you must register again. Voter registration mail applications can be downloaded at <http://www.votespa.com>.

If you have any questions regarding your voter status call 814-472-1460.

Voter ID: Those voting for the first time in a new precinct are required to show some form of ID:

This can be a valid photo or non-photo ID

ABSENTEE BALLOTS:

If you are going to be out of your precinct on Election Day or you have an illness or disability that prevents you from going to the polls, you can vote by absentee ballot. Absentee applications are available in the Elections Office at the Cambria County Courthouse or online at <http://www.votespa.com>.

The deadline to apply for a regular absentee ballot for the April Primary is **April 19, 2016**, and the ballot must be returned to the Election Office by **5 p.m. April 22, 2016**.

The deadline to apply for a regular absentee ballot for the November General Election is **November 1, 2016**, and the ballot must be returned to the Election Office **by 5 p.m. November 4, 2016**.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Expect lines at certain times of the day, especially first thing in the morning, around lunch time and then after dinner. The shortest waits usually occur mid-morning or mid-afternoon.

Pennsylvania law allows candidates and campaigners to electioneer, pass out campaign materials and talk to you as long as they are 10 feet from the polling place door. There is nothing, however, that requires you to answer them or take their materials. But if you do take any campaign literature, **DO NOT** leave it in the polling place.

All voters **in line** at 8:00 p.m. – even if that line stretches outside the building – are permitted by law to vote. If you are **NOT** in line at 8 p.m., when the Judge of Elections announces the polls are closed, you are **NOT** allowed to vote.

Election returns will be posted as they arrive at the courthouse on the county's Web site at www.co.cambria.pa.us.