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# OFFICIAL VOTERS PAMPHLET



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# Voter Registration Information

You may register to vote if:

1. You are a citizen of the United States.
2. You will be 18 or older on the day of the primary or election.
3. You have been a legal resident of the state of Washington for 30 days or longer.
4. You have not been deprived of your civil rights.

**NOTE:** You may register during regular office hours at the county auditor's office, your city or town clerk's office, or with a deputy registrar near your residence. Call the county auditor's office (or in King County, check with the Department of Records and Elections). **Telephone numbers of each county auditor are located on page 20 of this Voters' Pamphlet.**

You must re-register if:

1. You did not vote in the most recent presidential election or in the last 24-month period.
2. You have legally changed your name.
3. You have moved from one county to another within the state of Washington.

You do **not** need to re-register if your new address is in the same county. However, you **must** send a letter to the county auditor requesting a transfer. You must indicate your old and new addresses, and your old and new precincts if known, and your name must be signed as your name appears on your voter registration record.

You may re-register or transfer your registration at any time. However, to be eligible to vote in your new precinct, you must re-register or transfer 30 or more days before a primary or an election. The registration deadlines for 1983 only are as follows:

<b>Election</b>	<b>Voter Registration Deadline</b>	<b>Election Date</b>
1983 Special Primary	September 16	October 11
1983 General	October 8	November 8

Special elections can be called during late winter or spring. The times for these elections are:

1. The first Tuesday after the first Monday in February;
2. The second Tuesday in March;
3. The first Tuesday after the first Monday in April;
4. The third Tuesday in May.

## Where to Vote

At your precinct polling place. The name and number is on your registration card. Locations of polling places are published in newspapers the Friday before an election. You may also obtain this information by calling your county auditor. **Polls are open from 7 a.m. — 8 p.m.**

Instead of voting at the polling place, you may also vote by absentee ballot. Additional information on voting by absentee ballot is provided on page 20 of this Voters' Pamphlet.

## How To Vote

If you need help in casting your ballot, you may ask an election worker to explain how to use the voting device.

If you are physically disabled and unable to record your vote, you may be accompanied into the voting booth by your spouse, a close relative, any other person you choose to assist you, or two election officials, each of a different political party, who may record your ballot as you direct.

## TOLL-FREE VOTER INFORMATION NUMBER 1-800-562-5637

Again this year, the office of the Secretary State will provide a toll-free telephone line for election information. Voters from any part of the state may call toll-free to the office of the Secretary of State to obtain information about the state general election and the issues which will be on the state ballot. Voters may also call to request additional copies of the Voters' Pamphlet or special versions of the Voters' Pamphlet, including:

- Cassette tape copies of the Voters' Pamphlet
- Spanish-Language edition of the Voters' Pamphlet
- Braille copies of the Voters' Pamphlet

The toll-free service will be operated Monday through Friday from noon until 8:00 p.m. starting on Monday, October 3, and running through the day of the election, November 8.

# INTRODUCTION TO THE 1983 VOTERS PAMPHLET

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"If the people don't have enough information to wield power correctly,  
don't take away the power, give them the information."

Thomas Jefferson

This quote effectively summarizes the beliefs of Washington's early political leaders, and continues to reflect the views of elected officials in this state as we approach our state Centennial in 1989.

Washington consistently has one of the highest voter turnouts in the nation. That high turnout is a direct result of an informed electorate.

Washington began producing a voters and candidates pamphlet in 1914, one of the first in the nation. Today, our voters and candidates pamphlet continues to be a trend-setter among the states in the field of voter information. Soon, many communities will begin producing a voters pamphlet for local issues and candidates. The availability of the local voters pamphlet is another effective stride to open up even more information to the electorate.

This voters pamphlet is sent to you and all other residents of Washington to assist you in making your decisions on the critical issues facing all of us on Election Day, November 8th.



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