

## Elections FAQs

**Q.** What are the penalties if I provide false information to the registrar?

**A.** To knowingly give false information on any voter registration document is a felony under Virginia law. The punishment is a maximum fine of \$2500 and/or confinement for up to ten years. Also, you lose your right to vote.

**Q.** When are federal elections held?

**A.** Every two even years (2000,2002,2004...)

**Q.** What are terms of office for local officials?

**A.** All Martinsville City officials serve a term of four years, except for the clerk of the Circuit Court, who is elected for eight years. City council members' terms are staggered, so at least two council members are elected in November of even-numbered years.

**Q.** Where can I register?

**A.** All qualifying U.S. citizens can register at 55 West Church Street, Room 122, or through the Department of Motor Vehicles, and various other local agencies. An application can be downloaded from this website, or an application can be mailed to you at your request.

**Q.** Do I have to pay to register to vote?

**A.** No. No one has to pay to register or to vote.

**Q.** How late can I register and still vote in the next election?

**A.** You must register 29 days prior to the election to be eligible to vote.

**Q.** Where can I find information on past voter turnout and election results?

**A.** The Virginia State Board of Elections has information on most elections dating back to the mid-1990s. For earlier results, contact the registrar directly.