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2. **Plan Ahead** Check to see if you’re registered at <http://vpa.wi.gov/>. Early registration saves time – mail your voter registration application to your municipal clerk before October 15. Or register at your clerk’s office or election commission until 5 p.m. on November 3. Out of time? Don’t worry – you can register at the poll on Election Day with an official ID and proof of current residence.

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