



Access For All Voters In South Carolina

SOUTH CAROLINA
ELECTION COMMISSION

every vote matters.
every vote counts.



South Carolina citizens have a number of ways to register and vote.

Election officials work to ensure every voter has full access to the voting process.

Polling Place Accessibility

County boards of voter registration and elections work to find polling places that are accessible and include:

- > Accessible parking places;
- > Any necessary curb cuts and ramps;
- > Signs directing voters to the accessible entrance;
- > Accessible doorways and pathways;
- > Railing along ramps and stairs.

If you encounter accessibility issues, please notify your county voter registration and elections office immediately.

Voter Registration

- > Register online at [scVOTES.gov](https://scvotes.gov) (requires a DMV Driver's License or DMV ID).
- > Register by mail, email or fax by downloading an application at [scVOTES.gov](https://scvotes.gov).
 - Large print application is available.
 - Print, sign, and return the application to your county voter registration and elections office.
- > Register in person at your county voter registration and elections office.
- > Register while receiving services at these agencies:
 - Armed Forces Recruiting Stations
 - Commission for the Blind
 - Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services
 - Department of Disabilities and Special Needs
 - Department of Health and Environmental Control
 - Department of Health and Human Services
 - Department of Mental Health
 - Department of Motor Vehicles
 - Department of Social Services
 - Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities
 - Vocational Rehabilitation Department



Assistance in Voting

Voters with disabilities and voters who are blind or unable to read or write may receive assistance in voting. You must inform a poll manager if you require assistance. You may choose anyone to assist in casting your ballot except for your employer, an agent of your employer, or an officer or agent of your union. Poll managers also have printed instructions available for voters who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Curbside Voting

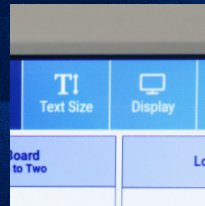
Voters who are unable to access the polling place or stand in line to vote due to a disability or being age 65 or older may vote in their vehicle. Curbside voting does not require a disability parking placard. Poll managers monitor the curbside voting area at a minimum of 15-minute intervals. Only the voter is allowed in the vehicle while voting unless the voter is entitled to assistance. The driver and other passengers in the vehicle are not entitled to vote curbside unless they individually meet the qualifications.

Voting System

The voting system makes it easy for any voter to use. Every ballot-marking device provides:



Tabletop placement for wheelchair accessibility



Full color touch screen display with zoom functionality and black-&-white mode.



Audio-Tactile Keypad



Headphones for audio ballot



Input for Sip-and-Puff Device and other Assistive Switches



Absentee Voting

Voters with disabilities are qualified to vote absentee prior to election day. You can find a full list of qualifying reasons to vote absentee at [scVOTES.gov](https://scvotes.gov).

How Can You Vote Absentee?

Step 1: Get your application.

- > You can submit your request for an application as early as January 1 of the election year.
- > Call, visit or send your request by U.S. mail to your [county voter registration office](#).
- > You must provide your name, date of birth and last four digits of your Social Security Number with your request.

Step 2: Complete, sign and return the application.

- > Return the application by U.S. mail or personal delivery to your county voter registration office as soon as possible.
- > The deadline to return your application is 5:00 p.m. on the 11th day prior to the election.

Step 3: Receive your absentee ballot in the mail.

- > Voters who have applied early will be mailed their absentee ballot approximately 30 days before the election.
- > You can track your ballot at [scVOTES.gov](https://scvotes.gov).

Step 4: Vote, sign and return the ballot.

- > Be sure to sign the voter's oath and have your signature witnessed. Anyone age 18 or older can witness your signature. A notary is not necessary.
- > Return your ballot to your [county voter registration office](#) or an early voting center either by mail or personal delivery no later than 7:00 p.m. on election day.
- > You must present Photo ID if returning the ballot in person.

> Acceptable Photo IDs:

- Driver's license issued by a state within the United States.
- Another form of ID containing a photo issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles or its equivalent by a state within the United States.
- Passport.
- Military ID containing a photo issued by the federal government.
- South Carolina voter registration card containing a photo of the voter.

For More Information

Visit [scVOTES.gov](https://scvotes.gov) to find information about how Immediate Family Members and Authorized Representatives can make an absentee request or return a ballot for another person.

All requestors are limited to five requests in addition to their own per election.

See our other voter education brochures:

- > [Voting in South Carolina](#)
- > [Voter Registration in South Carolina](#)
- > [Absentee Voting in South Carolina](#)
- > [South Carolina's Paper-Based Voting System](#)
- > [Photo ID Requirements](#)



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