

# SC Voter Information

All Polls Open on  
Election Day 7 AM – 7 PM

every  
vote  
matters.  
every vote counts.

## Identification to Complete Registration

If you registered to vote but did not submit a copy of the required identification with your application, you are required to present one of the following documents to complete registration before you will be permitted to vote:

- > Current and valid photo ID
- > Utility bill showing your name and address in your county
- > Bank statement showing your name and address in your county
- > Paycheck showing your name and address in your county
- > Government document (other than your voter registration card) showing your name and address in your county

## Voting Process

### 1. ID Required to Vote

- > SC Drivers License
  - Includes standard license and REAL ID
- > SC Department of Motor Vehicles ID Card
  - Includes standard ID card and REAL ID
  - Includes SC Concealed Weapons Permit
- > SC Voter Registration Card with Photo
- > Federal Military ID
  - Includes all Department of Defense Photo IDs and Veterans Affairs Benefits Card
- > US Passport
  - Includes US Passport ID Card

The poll manager must compare the photo on the ID to the person presenting themselves to vote and verify the photo is of that person. If the poll manager disputes the photo is that of the person, the voter casts a provisional ballot.

### 2. Registration

The poll manager will check the voter's name and address against the voter registration list. If everything is correct, the poll manager will mark the voter registration list to give the voter credit for voting and ask the voter to sign the poll list.

### 3. Voters Without ID

If you have a reasonable impediment to obtaining Photo ID, you may vote a provisional ballot after showing your non-photo voter registration card.

**A reasonable impediment is any valid reason, beyond your control, which created an obstacle to obtaining Photo ID. Some examples include:**

- > Religious objection to being photographed
- > Disability or illness
- > Lack of transportation
- > Family responsibilities
- > Any other obstacles you find reasonable

TO VOTE UNDER THE REASONABLE IMPEDIMENT EXCEPTION:

1. Present your current, non-photo registration card at the polling place.
2. Sign an affidavit stating why you could not obtain a Photo ID.
3. Cast a provisional ballot that will be counted unless the county election commission has reason to believe your affidavit is false.

If you do not have Photo ID and do NOT have a reasonable impediment to obtaining one, or simply forgot to bring your Photo ID with you to the polling place, you may still vote a provisional ballot. For your vote to be counted, you must provide a Photo ID to the county board of voter registrations and elections prior to certification of the election (usually Thursday or Friday after the election).

### 4. Party Declaration

If the election being conducted is a primary election, the voter must tell the election official in which party's primary they wish to vote.

### 5. Proper Secret Ballot

The voter will be directed to a voting booth where the voter may vote the ballot in secret.

### 6. Time Limit in Booth

Voters are entitled to as long as five minutes to cast a ballot. Voters must leave the voting booth promptly after voting.

### 7. No Re-Entry

Voters may not re-enter the voting booth after casting their ballot.

### 8. Observing the Election

Individuals may observe the election process but must follow the direction of the poll managers on duty at all times.

## Casting a Provisional Ballot

1. A voter's ballot may be challenged if there is some question regarding the voter's qualifications. Voters who are challenged cast a provisional ballot. After the election, county election officials determine if a provisional ballot will be counted.
2. A poll manager must inform the voter that they will be voting a provisional ballot and that the county board of voter registration and elections will decide whether the ballot will count.
3. Once voted, the ballot must be placed in a provisional ballot envelope and sealed. The poll manager will record the reason for the challenge on the envelope. The voter must sign the envelope.
4. The voter will be given a ballot and allowed to vote the ballot in secret.
5. The voter must be provided notice of the date, time, and location of the provisional ballot hearing.
6. The voter may determine whether their ballot was counted by visiting [scVOTES.gov](http://scVOTES.gov).

## Assistance with Voting

1. You may receive instruction from the poll managers on how to use the voting system and properly mark your ballot.
2. A sample ballot is available in this polling place and at [scVOTES.gov](http://scVOTES.gov) for your information. You may review it before voting.
3. If you are blind, disabled, or unable to read or write, you may have a qualified person of your choice assist you in voting. The person may not be your employer, an agent of your employer, or an officer or agent of your union.

## Voting Rights: Federal & State Laws

1. Any United States citizen who is a qualified elector is entitled to vote in this election regardless of race or physical ability.
2. No one may refuse a voter who is entitled to cast a ballot.
3. No voter shall be threatened, intimidated, or bribed for voting by any person.
4. Voters whose names do not appear on the poll list or do not have proper identification may vote by provisional ballot.
5. Voters who cast a provisional ballot are entitled to written information at the time of voting that explains how to determine if the vote was counted and, if not, why.
6. Voters who require assistance due to blindness, disability, or inability to read may receive assistance from a person of the voter's choice other than the voter's employer or an officer of the voter's union.
7. Voters will be allowed to cast their vote in privacy and in a non-disruptive atmosphere.
8. Voters are entitled to a demonstration of the voting equipment before entering the polling booth.
9. Voters will have their ballot counted fairly and impartially.
10. Voters are entitled to skip candidates and questions on the ballot if they choose not to vote.
11. Voters who are in line at 7 pm will be allowed to cast their ballot.

## Violation of Voting Rights

Voters who believe their voting rights have been violated should immediately contact their county board of voter registration and elections. Voters may also contact the South Carolina State Election Commission or the US Attorney's Office – District of South Carolina.

## HAVA Complaint Procedures

Any person who believes a violation of HAVA Title III has occurred, is occurring, or is about to occur, may file a complaint.

HAVA refers to the Help America Vote Act of 2002 and violations under HAVA Title III include, but are not limited to, voting system standards, accessibility for voters with disabilities, and voter registration. Complaints must be:

- > In writing
- > Notarized
- > Submitted to the State Election Commission

More information on Title III violations and complaint forms may be obtained online at [scVOTES.gov](http://scVOTES.gov).

## South Carolina Election Law: Fraud & Prohibitions

**Voting more than once is a felony and, upon conviction, a person must be fined not less than one thousand dollars nor more than five thousand dollars and imprisoned not more than five years.**

- > No person may make or accept a bribe for voting for or against a candidate or measure
- > No person may threaten, intimidate, or abuse voters to vote for or against a candidate.
- > No person may obtain or cast any false ballot.
- > No person may impersonate another voter for the purpose of voting in an election.
- > No person may display or distribute campaign materials in the polling place or within 500 feet of the entrance.
- > No person may disrupt the voting process for any reason.
  - Title 7, Chapter 25 of the South Carolina Code of Laws addresses offenses against election law.

**The Poll Managers at this Polling Place are Here to Serve You. Please Ask if You Need Help or Do Not Understand Voting Procedures.**

### Contact Information

\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ WEBSITE: [www.\\_\\_\\_\\_\\_](http://www._____)

South Carolina State Election Commission 803.734.9060  
US Attorney's Office – District of South Carolina 803.929.3000  
US Department of Justice (Civil Rights Division) 800.253.3931

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To be eligible to register, you must be:  
A U.S. Citizen | S.C. Resident | 18 years or older

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