



# VOTERS' BILL OF RIGHTS

IT'S YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE. PROTECT YOUR VOICE.

You have the right to:

- 1. Register to vote**  
Most voter registration deadlines are in October. Find your state's deadline.
- 2. Verify that you are registered to vote**  
Call your local elections office to make sure there are no problems with your registration, especially if you have moved recently, changed your name, or have not voted in recent elections.
- 3. Vote Early**  
For greater convenience, some states allow early voting in person and/or by mail. Find out whether you can vote early. This will also allow you to volunteer on Election Day.
- 4. Find Your Polling Place**  
Call the local elections office to find out the location of your polling place and ask about any new voting procedures or requirements. Locations may change, and a vote cast at the wrong place may not be counted.
- 5. Bring Proper Identification**  
Find out what identification is required to vote in your state. Bring identification to the polls in case it is needed, preferably government-issued identification or a utility bill, phone bill, or paycheck with your name and current street address. Requirements may be different if it is your first time voting.
- 6. Bring A Friend or Family Member**  
Under federal law, you can bring an assistant of your choice into the voting booth to help you vote.
- 7. Ask for a new ballot, if you make a mistake**  
Under federal law, you have a right to a new ballot if you make a mistake.
- 8. Don't Leave Without Voting**  
If you arrive late in the day and are in line when polls close, stay in line, because you have the right to vote.
- 9. What to do if you get a provisional ballot**  
A poll worker might tell you that there is a problem with your registration (for example, that you are not on the voter list) and offer you a provisional ballot. Ask if you are in the correct precinct. If no alternative is available, cast a provisional ballot.

*Federal law guarantees your right to cast a ballot even if someone says you are not eligible. If you are qualified to vote and registered in the jurisdiction, do not leave the polling place without at least voting a provisional ballot.*



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