

Know Your Rights!

You Have the Right to:

1. Receive a Ballot

If you are a registered voter, but your name is not on the rolls, you have the right to request a provisional ballot.

2. Use an Accessible Polling Place

Persons with physical disabilities and persons in need of language translation must be provided with accommodation and can request and receive voting assistance.

3. Review a Sample Ballot Before Voting

You are entitled to ask for a sample ballot to help you vote properly.

4. Cast a Vote As Long As You Arrive Before the Poll Closes

If you are in line before the polls close, you are entitled to vote, no matter how long it may take.

5. Privacy

No one has the right to see how you vote or ask you how you voted.

If you experience or witness voter disenfranchisement, call 1-866-OUR-VOTE or 1-888-VE-Y-VOTA



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Obstacles to Voting on Election Day

*Volunteering at the polls on Election Day is a great way to help strengthen and safeguard the rights and liberties at the core of our democracy. Before you go to the polls on Election Day, **be aware of problems you may encounter:***

- ▶ **Deceptive Practices.** False or misleading information about candidates, the time and place of elections, or voting penalties is sometimes disseminated in advance of an election.
- ▶ **Delayed Poll Openings.** Polls have failed to open on time due to late arrival of ballots or personnel, leading to longer wait times later in the day.
- ▶ **Equipment Malfunctions.** Machines that fail to tally, record, or retrieve voter data.
- ▶ **Excessively Long Lines.** Due to poll closures, wait times of 3-5 hours are not unusual.
- ▶ **Inaccessible Polling Locations.** Polling places must be accessible to persons with disabilities.
- ▶ **Onerous Voter ID Requirements.** Voter impersonation fraud is nearly nonexistent, yet numerous states require that voters show some type of ID in order to vote.
- ▶ **Provisional Ballots.** Poll workers may fail to inform voters whose eligibility is questioned of their right to cast provisional ballots, or may direct voters to a provisional ballot even if eligibility is not in question.
- ▶ **Unlawful Electioneering.** Laws vary by state as to what's allowed at polling stations in terms of signs, buttons, and campaigners.
- ▶ **Voting laws in YOUR state.** State Secretary of State websites have information about polling places and state-specific election laws: <http://www.canivote.org>.

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