

# **ELECTION PROTECTION**

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## **KNOW YOUR RIGHTS**

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE – it’s the law, and you have the proof in your hands! You’ll notice letters and numbers after each of your rights listed below; those codes tell lawyers and poll-workers where to find the statute that protects your right to vote. These rights are guaranteed to properly registered and qualified voters. You have the right to take this Bill of Rights into the voting booth with you. If you feel your rights have been violated, please find an Election Protection volunteer to assist you or call toll free:

**1-866-OUR-VOTE (1-866-687-8683).**

## **PENNSYLVANIA VOTER’S BILL OF RIGHTS**

1. On Election Day, EACH POLLING PLACE WILL BE OPEN BETWEEN 7:00 A.M. AND 8:00 P.M. If you are in line at the polling place when the polls close at 8:00 p.m., YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE in the election. 25 P.S. §§ 3045, 3060(e).
2. If you are voting in your election district for the first time, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE by regular ballot if you have a photo ID or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows your name and address with you on Election Day. 25 P.S. §§ 3050(a), 3050(a.1)
3. If you do not have any form of identification and you are voting in your election district for the first time, or if you believe you are registered but your name does not appear on the registration roll, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE a provisional ballot by signing a State form under oath, swearing or affirming that you are the person identified on your voter certificate. 25 P.S. §3050(a.4).
4. If you cannot read or you are disabled, and the fact that you need assistance is recorded on your registration card, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO RECEIVE ASSISTANCE from anyone you choose except the judge of election, your employer or an agent of your employer, or an officer or agent of your union. 25 P.S. §§ 3058(a)-(b).
5. If you move to a different county or within the same county in which you are registered to vote, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE IN YOUR OLD PRECINCT after signing a written affirmation of your new address. 25 Pa.C.S.A.. § 1902(b).
6. If you have changed your name, you can submit a new application 30 days before the election, but if you have not or the deadline passed, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE UNDER YOUR OLD NAME. 25 Pa.C.S.A. §§ 1322, 1324, 1326.
7. When you are within 10 feet of a polling place entrance, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE (OR WAIT TO VOTE) WITHOUT ANYONE ELECTIONEERING OR TRYING TO INFLUENCE YOUR VOTE. 25 P.S. § 3060(c).
8. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE if you are not a convicted felon, have only been convicted of a misdemeanor. You have the right to vote if you have been convicted of a felony but you have completed your sentence, or if you are on probation or released on parole. Pennsylvania Department of State, <http://www.dos.state.pa.us/voting/cwp/view.asp?a=1192&q=443054> (last modified 7/21/05).
9. Your minor child or children may accompany you into the polling place, and one minor child may accompany you into the voting compartment or voting machine booth. 25 P.S. § 3531.1
10. You may not remain in the voting booth for more than three minutes, unless there are no other voters waiting to vote. 25 P.S. § 3057.
11. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT to receive ballots, instructions and other voting materials in Spanish in Philadelphia County. 42 U.S.C. § 1973; 67 Fed. Reg. 48,871 (2002); Pa.C.S.A. §1327(a)(6) and the city of Reading.
12. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE on an emergency paper ballot if a voting machine becomes inoperable, or cannot be repaired. Sec. 1120-A9b), 25 P.S. Sec 3031.20 (b)

### **TAKE THIS BILL OF RIGHTS WITH YOU.**

If you have problems or questions, if anyone challenges your right to vote,  
or if you think someone has violated your rights,

**WE CAN HELP.**

Ask an **ELECTION PROTECTION** volunteer for help, or call toll-free:

**1-866-OUR VOTE (866-687-8683)**

Trained volunteers will be available to answer your questions on Election Day.

**It’s free, nonpartisan and confidential.**