

Find your polling location and report problems on Election Day.

Call 1-866-MY-VOTE-1

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO HAVE YOUR VOTE COUNTED.

ON ELECTION DAY, YOU MAY NEED TO KNOW YOUR RIGHTS IF YOU WANT TO EXERCISE THEM.

**Many things can come between you and your ability to cast your vote.
Even more can come between your vote being cast and your vote being counted.**

Here are some of the steps you can take if voting problems arise.

PROBLEM: Long lines? Worried the polls will close while you are in line before you can vote?

ACTION: Do not leave. Remember, you have a right to vote because you were already in line at the time the polls closed. Call any election hotline and ask that they issue a request to the courts to order the polls to stay open late.

PROBLEM: Machine switches vote on screen, or appears to malfunction as you cast your vote.

ACTION: DO NOT PUSH THE FINAL BUTTON TO CAST YOUR VOTE. Once you push that button, you cannot change your vote. Find an election judge (poll supervisor) and insist that the problem be fixed before you push the final button to cast your vote. If the voting machine will not accept your votes as you intend, request to vote on a different machine that works properly. **Call an election hotline and report the machine brand, model, serial number and precinct location.**

PROBLEM: Told that you cannot vote because you are not registered, or that you are in the wrong polling place?

ACTION: Do not leave. First ask a pollworker to double-check the District Register (pollbook) and any supplements, looking especially under any other versions of your name that you may have used. Next ask the pollworker to call the County Election Office and verify whether or not you are registered and where you are supposed to vote. If all else fails, be sure to ask for and vote on a provisional ballot before you leave, then follow up on the instructions to see whether or not it was counted.

PROBLEM: Told that you are registered in the wrong party, or told you cannot vote in the primary election because you are registered non-partisan, or in a minor party?

ACTION: Do not leave. First ask a pollworker to double-check the District Register (pollbook) and any supplements for your registration. Next ask the pollworkers to call the County Election Office and verify how you are registered. As a last resort ask for and vote on a provisional ballot before you leave, then follow up on the instructions to see whether or not it was counted. Note that in Pennsylvania, non-partisan and minor party voters *are* permitted to cast a vote on any referendum question placed on the ballot in a Primary Election.

PROBLEM: Need help finding your poll location? Can't access the polls?

ACTION: Call toll free 1-866-MY-VOTE-1.

**Find your poll location, document your voting
experience, report complaints, and get connected to
your local election board help line.**

Call the Watch the Vote 2008 toll free hotline:

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Make your voice heard and be counted.
If you feel your rights have been violated, call the Watch the Vote 2008 toll free
hotline: **1-866-MY-VOTE-1 (1-866-698-6831)**

PENNSYLVANIA VOTERS' SUMMARY 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 P.S. § 1902.
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 P.S. §§ 1322, 1324, 1326.
7. If you damage or spoil your ballot, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO RECEIVE A REPLACEMENT BALLOT after returning the spoiled or damaged ballot. 25 P.S. § 3054(b).
8. When you are inside a polling place or within 10 feet of one, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE (OR WAIT TO VOTE) WITHOUT ANYONE ELECTIONEERING OR TRYING TO INFLUENCE YOUR VOTE. 25 P.S. § 3060(c) and (d)
9. If you are incarcerated while awaiting trial or because of a misdemeanor conviction, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REGISTER TO VOTE AND TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT. If you are incarcerated because of a felony conviction, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REGISTER AND VOTE after being released from incarceration. Pennsylvania Department of State, (<http://www.dos.state.pa.us/voting/cwp/view.asp?a=1192&q=443054>) (last modified 7/21/05)
10. 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
11. 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.
12. 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); P. S. § 1327(a)(6).

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