

# VOTERS' RIGHTS

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### When do I vote?

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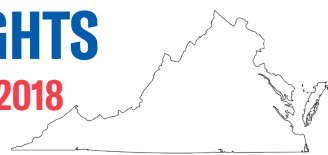
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- **What if I need language assistance?** You have the right to bring someone who can translate the ballot and help you communicate with poll workers. (Va. Code §24.2-649 (C)) (Note: Fairfax County is required to provide ballots, election materials and assistance in Spanish. Ask the poll worker for help in Spanish.)
- **Can I vote absentee?** If you expect to be unable to go to your polling place on Election Day because of a long commute, work, school, religious, medical, or other reasons, you may be able to vote by absentee ballot via mail or in person (*must show Photo ID for in person*). (Va. Code §24.2-700). The absentee ballot application and procedures are available online at [www.elections.virginia.gov](http://www.elections.virginia.gov) or your local registrar's office. (Va. Code §24.2-701-702.1, §24.2-707-709)
- **How do I make a complaint?** Ask for an officer of election at your polling place. The officer can handle most routine complaints. Candidates, political parties and nonprofit groups may also have poll watchers at your polling place who may be able to assist you. If any of those people ask you who you voted for, or if they can't resolve your complaint, call the Virginia Dept. of Elections (800-552-9745) or the Election Day hotline at the ACLU of Virginia (804-644-8080). You can file a complaint online at [www.elections.virginia.gov](http://www.elections.virginia.gov).

### Restoration of Voting Rights

If you have lost your right to vote due to a felony conviction, in order to vote on **Nov. 6**, you must have your voting rights restored and then register to vote before the **Oct. 15** deadline. Those with felony convictions from Virginia must (a) receive a letter from the Governor individually restoring their voting rights, then (b) register to vote. To check if your civil rights have been restored go to: <https://solutions.virginia.gov/RestorationOfRights> or call 804-692-0104. Still have questions? Contact the ACLU of Virginia at 804-644-8080.

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## TOP QUESTIONS ASKED BY VOTERS:

- **If I'm in line when the polls close, can I still vote?** Yes! You have the right to vote if you are in line by 7 p.m. when the polls close. (Va. Code §24.2-603)
- **Can I wear campaign apparel when going to vote?** Yes! Voters are allowed to wear apparel and buttons or stickers that contain a candidate's name or a political slogan when they go to the polls to vote. (Va. Code §24.2-604(K))
- **What if I need instructions on how to use the voting equipment?** Ask a poll worker for help. Poll workers are required to assist you any time you ask, even if you have entered the voting booth. (Va. Code §24.2-647)
- **What if I believe I am registered but a poll worker says I am not?** Ask the poll worker to contact the local registrar. If the registrar is unavailable or cannot find your name, ask for a provisional ballot. You have the right to cast a provisional ballot even if your name is not on the voter list. However, know that your ballot may not be counted if the Board of Elections finds no record of your registration. (Va. Code §24.2-652, -653)
- **What if someone challenges my eligibility to vote even though I am on the list of registered voters?** Ask for the Affirmation of Eligibility form. You have the right to vote if you sign this form. (Va. Code §24.2-651, -651.1)
- **What if I've moved since the last election?** You should change your address online at [elections.virginia.gov/registration/view-your-info](http://elections.virginia.gov/registration/view-your-info), or send a letter to your local registrar before Oct. 15. More information on the impact of moving can be found on the address change webpage.
- **What should I do if I make a mistake on a paper ballot, or the machine malfunctions?** Do not cast your ballot! Ask for a replacement ballot immediately. You have a right to as many replacement ballots as you need. (Va. Code §24.2-645). If your machine malfunctions, inform a poll worker who will direct you to a different machine or give you a paper ballot. (Va. Code §24.2-642, §24.2-646.1)

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#### ALL VOTERS MUST SHOW AN APPROVED PHOTO ID TO VOTE (Va. Code §24.2-643(B))

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**What if I forget my photo ID?** If you forget your ID and you have time, it is usually better to go back and get it. Voters without identification must cast an "ID-only" provisional ballot. You must deliver a copy of your ID to your local electoral board **no later than noon on Friday, Nov. 9** by fax, e-mail, mail or in person. (Va. Code §24.2-653)

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