Important Election Dates

Tues., Oct. 1, 2019 by 7PM ➔ District 84 House Special Elections
Fri., Nov. 1, 2019 by 5PM ➔ Deadline to apply for an absentee by mail ballot for General Election
Mon., Nov. 4, 2019 by 5PM ➔ Deadline to vote absentee in person
Tues., Nov. 5, 2019 by 7PM ➔ Deadline for receipt of absentee ballots by mail
Tues., Nov. 5, 2019 by 7PM ➔ Election Day (Municipal Elections)

* *Check www.SCvotes.org for up to date information on specific elections in your area* *

Questions?

When are the polls open?
Polls will be open from 7:00AM to 7:00PM. You have the right to vote if you are in line or inside the polling place when the polls close.

Where do I vote?
You must go to the polling place to which you are assigned, which should be listed on the voter registration card that you received in the mail after you registered.

How do I verify my polling place and registration?
You can verify your polling place and registration online at www.scvotes.org or by calling the South Carolina Election Commission at 803-734-9060.

What if I cannot stand in line or access the polling place due to age or disability?
Voters who are unable to access the polling place or stand in line because of a disability or because they are 65 years or older may vote in their vehicle (curbside voting). Poll managers will look for voters who seek to vote in their vehicles.

What if I need help?
Voters with disabilities and voters who are blind or unable to read and write may receive assistance in voting. The voter may choose anyone to assist their ballot, except for their employer, an agent of their employer, an officer of their union, or an agent of their union.

Problems voting on or before Election Day?

Call Election Protection:
1-866-OUR-VOTE
1-888-678-8683

More Questions?

Call South Carolina State Election Commission (803)-734-9060
What kind of photo ID can I use to vote?

South Carolina Driver’s License
SC DMV Identification Card
United States Military ID
United States Passport (Book or Card)
SC Voter Registration Card

Can I register to vote if I have a felony conviction?
If you have a felony conviction, your right to vote is restored if you have served your entire sentence, including probation or parole. However, to cast a ballot, you must first submit a new registration application to your local county board of registration and elections. Learn how to register to vote at www.scvotes.org.

Common potentially discriminatory voting changes
The NAACP Legal Defense Fund (LDF) is closely monitoring how places, like South Carolina, that were formerly protected by Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act are responding to the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision in Shelby County, Alabama v. Holder, which immobilized that provision. Accordingly, we encourage you to let us know of any voting changes that are planned in your area that you believe may negatively impact your community by emailing LDF at vote@naacpldf.org or ACLU of SC at voting@aclusc.org.

What might those voting changes look like?
These potentially discriminatory voting changes might include: changing polling hours and locations, changing or eliminating early voting days and hours, replacing district voting with at-large elections, implementing onerous registration qualifications like proof of citizenship, and purging qualified voters from registration lists.

Disclaimer
This card is a resource, not legal advice. It is provided for informational purposes only and not as a substitute for or supplement to the legal advice necessary to address the specific concerns of any individual. Moreover, South Carolina may revise its laws after the publication of this card. Therefore, it is your responsibility to determine how all applicable laws concerning voter registration, voting, and the restoration of voting rights in South Carolina affect you.

Bring your Photo ID!

Will I be asked to show photo ID to vote in person?
Yes, if you vote in person, you will be asked to provide one of the pictured photo IDs.

What if I don’t have an accepted photo ID?
You can vote in person by provisional ballot without a photo ID if you have a reason why you do not have a photo ID. South Carolina’s photo ID law contains a “reasonable impediment” exception that recognizes the many reasons why you may not have a photo ID, including that:
• You are disabled or ill;
• You have a conflict with your work schedule;
• You lack transportation or money to get to the county election office or DMV;
• You do not have a copy of your birth certificate;
• You have family responsibilities;
• You have a religious objection to being photographed;
• There is another obstacle that YOU find reasonable.

What if I forget to bring my photo ID to the polls?
You can still cast a provisional ballot. However, for your vote to count, you must provide one of the accepted photo IDs to the county election office in person prior to the certification of the election (usually the Thursday or Friday after the election).

You can vote if you don't have a Photo ID!

You can vote in person without a photo ID based on a “reasonable impediment.” To do so, follow these steps:
1. Inform the poll managers that you do not have a photo ID and could not get one;
2. Present your current, non-photo voter registration card;
3. Sign an affidavit identifying yourself and your reason for not having an accepted photo ID; and
4. Cast a provisional ballot.

Will my provisional ballot be counted if I do not have a photo ID because of a “reasonable impediment”?
The provisional ballot that you cast is presumed valid and will be counted unless the county election office has reason to believe that your affidavit is false.