

PENNSYLVANIA

PREPARED TO VOTE 2012

IMPORTANT DATES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2012

Registration deadline for general election

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2012

Deadline to request an Absentee Ballot

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2012

Deadline for receipt of Absentee Ballots

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2012

Election Day

Polls open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM

VERIFY YOUR VOTER INFORMATION

How can I verify that I am registered to vote?

You can verify your voter registration status online at <http://www.votespa.com>, or by calling the Pennsylvania Elections Division at 1.877.VOTESPA (1.877.868.3772), or the Election Protection Hotline at 1.866.OUR.VOTE (1.866.687.8683).

What if I am a college student? You can register and vote at your school or home, but not in both places.

VOTING BY ABSENTEE OR ALTERNATIVE BALLOT

What are the different ways to vote? You can vote in person, by absentee ballot, or by casting an alternative ballot.

How do I vote by absentee ballot? You may vote by absentee ballot if you cannot get to your polling place because of your job, an illness, a disability, or because you have one of the other circumstances allowed by state law. Please see votespa.com for details.

The county board of elections must receive your absentee ballot application by 5 PM on Tuesday, October 30, 2012. Absentee ballot applications are available at <http://www.votespa.com>.

What is an emergency absentee ballot? If you have an emergency and did not apply for an absentee ballot by the November 2, 2012 deadline, you may apply for an emergency absentee ballot. Emergency absentee ballot applications may be found at <http://www.votespa.com>, and must be notarized before submission. Applications must be turned in to your county's board of elections between 5 PM on Tuesday, October 30, 2012 and 5 PM on Friday, November 2, 2012.

How do I vote by alternative ballot? If you have a disability, or are at least 65 years of age and have been assigned a polling place that you are unable to physically access, you can vote by alternative ballot. You must turn in your alternative ballot form to your county's board of elections by 5 PM on Tuesday, October 30, 2012. Alternative ballot forms, and additional information on requesting an emergency alternative ballot, can be found at <http://www.votespa.com>.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Pennsylvania Elections Division
1.877.VOTESPA (1.877.868.3772)

National Election Protection Hotline
1.866.OUR.VOTE (1.866.687.8683)

NAACP Legal Defense Fund (LDF)
1.877.773.8683
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United States Department of Justice
Voting Section
1.800.253.3931



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VOTING ON ELECTION DAY

When are the polls open? Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. You have the right to vote if you are in line or inside your polling place when the polls close.

Where do I vote? On Election Day, you must go to the polling place to which you are assigned. Confirm your polling place online at <http://www.votespa.com>, or by calling the Pennsylvania Elections Division at 1.877.VOTESPA, or the Election Protection Hotline at 1.866.OUR.VOTE.

Can I get time off of work to vote? Pennsylvania law does not require that voters get time off of work to vote. You should check your employer's policy regarding time off for voting before Election Day.

Can I bring literature to the polls? Yes. You can take written or printed election materials, including this guide, into the polling place as long as they are for your own use.

Can I wear campaign clothing to the polling place? No. You cannot wear campaign clothing, stickers, or buttons in your polling place unless you cover them up.

What if I need help? If you need help using a machine, ask a poll worker to assist you. Poll workers are required to assist you even if you are in the voting booth.

If you are unable to enter the voting booth or use the voting system due to a disability, you can select a person to enter the voting booth with you to provide assistance. You can choose anyone to assist, except for your employer, an agent of your employer, an officer or agent of your union, or the Judge of Elections.

VOTER IDENTIFICATION

Do I have to show photo identification at the polls? **NO.** Voters do not need a photo identification to vote in-person on November 6th. Poll workers may ask voters for photo identification, but voters will still be allowed to cast a regular ballot even if they do not have one.

(Pennsylvania's photo identification law **only** affects the November General Election. Because voters may be required to show photo identification in **future elections**, voters should still take steps to obtain acceptable identification by visiting PennDOT's Voter ID Website at <http://www.dmv.state.pa.us/voter/voteridlaw.shtml>, or calling 1.877.VOTESPA).

What should I do if a poll worker tells me to cast a provisional ballot because I do not have photo identification? Please immediately contact the Judge of Elections at your polling place and contact us at 1.866.OUR.VOTE if a poll worker instructs you to vote a provisional ballot because of lack of photo identification.

Do I need to present identification at the polls if I am a first-time voter? If you are a first time voter who registered by mail or are voting for the first time in a new district, you may need to show a form of ID, such as a photo ID, or a non-photo ID with your current name and address, like a utility bill, government check, or paycheck. For more information, call 1.866.OUR.VOTE.



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, your state 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 your state affect you.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

- **You do not need to have photo identification in order to vote a regular ballot.**
- **Verify your voter registration now** online at <https://www.pavoterservices.state.pa.us/Pages/VoterRegistrationStatus.aspx>, or by calling the Pennsylvania Elections Division at 1.877.VOTESPA, or the Election Protection Hotline at 1.866.OUR.VOTE.
- **Locate your polling place now** online at <http://www.votespa.com/portal/server.pt?open=514&objID=1174087&parentname=ObjMgr&parentid=4&mode=2>, or by calling the Pennsylvania Elections Division at 1.877.VOTESPA, or the Election Protection Hotline at 1.866.OUR.VOTE.
- Take your time and **ask for help** if you need it.
- **Report problems** on Election Day, such as being told to vote a provisional ballot because you do not have photo identification, or being turned away from a polling place. You may also report voter intimidation to the National Election Protection Hotline at 1.866.OUR.VOTE.

PROBLEM VOTING?
Call 1.866.OUR.VOTE