

# SOUTH CAROLINA, ARE YOU PREPARED TO OTE?

## 2020 ELECTIONS CALENDAR

### PRESIDENTIAL DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY ELECTION

The Republican Party will not host a primary election to select a nominee for President. The following dates apply to voters who intend to cast a ballot for their preferred candidate for the Democratic Party's nomination for President.



THU., JAN. 30 REGISTRATION DEADLINE



TUE., FEB. 25 DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR AN ABSENTEE MAIL-IN BALLOT



FRI., FEB. 28 DEADLINE TO VOTE ABSENTEE IN-PERSON



SAT., FEB. 29 ELECTION DAY: POLLS OPEN 7AM – 7PM

### STATEWIDE PRIMARY ELECTION

Statewide elections held to nominate candidates for the U.S. House and Senate, S.C. House and Senate, and select other offices. Candidates need to receive over 50% of votes to be nominated. If no candidate receives a majority of votes for a particular office, a primary runoff between the top two candidates will be held 14 days later.



FRI., MAY 8 IN-PERSON REGISTRATION DEADLINE: BY 5PM



SUN., MAY 10 ONLINE, FAX, OR EMAIL REGISTRATION DEADLINE: BY 11:59PM



MON., MAY 11 MAIL-IN REGISTRATION POSTMARK DEADLINE



FRI., JUN. 5 DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR AN ABSENTEE MAIL-IN BALLOT: BY 5PM



MON., JUN. 8 DEADLINE TO VOTE ABSENTEE IN-PERSON



TUE., JUN. 9 ELECTION DAY: FROM 7AM – 7PM



TUE., JUN. 23 PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION DAY (IF NEEDED): FROM 7AM – 7PM

### FEDERAL GENERAL ELECTIONS

Federal elections held for U.S. President, U.S. House of Representatives, and U.S. Senate.



FRI., OCT. 2 IN-PERSON REGISTRATION DEADLINE



SUN., OCT. 4 ONLINE, FAX, OR EMAIL REGISTRATION DEADLINE: BY 11:59PM



MON., OCT. 5 MAIL-IN REGISTRATION POSTMARK DEADLINE



FRI., OCT. 30 DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR AN ABSENTEE MAIL-IN BALLOT: BY 5PM



MON., NOV. 2 DEADLINE TO VOTE ABSENTEE IN-PERSON



TUES., NOV. 3 ELECTION DAY: FROM 7AM – 7PM

FIND YOUR VOTING SITE:  
[tinyurl.com/mysiteSC](http://tinyurl.com/mysiteSC)



ABSENTEE VOTING INFO:  
[tinyurl.com/absentSC](http://tinyurl.com/absentSC)



REGISTER TO VOTE:  
[tinyurl.com/voter-reg-SC](http://tinyurl.com/voter-reg-SC)



### ELECTION DAY CHECKLIST

- ✓ Confirm your registration status: [tinyurl.com/voter-reg-SC](http://tinyurl.com/voter-reg-SC)
- ✓ Look up your voting site: [tinyurl.com/voter-reg-SC](http://tinyurl.com/voter-reg-SC)
- ✓ Pack your ID (or learn about when one is not required): [tinyurl.com/photoIDSC](http://tinyurl.com/photoIDSC)
- ✓ Exercise your voting rights: [tinyurl.com/scvoterinfo](http://tinyurl.com/scvoterinfo)  
and, if need be, report voting issues to our coalition of civil rights advocates: [vote@naacpldf.org](mailto:vote@naacpldf.org)

# KNOW YOUR VOTING RIGHTS

## UNDER FEDERAL LAW YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO:

- ✓ vote free from intimidation.
- ✓ vote if you are in line by the time polls close.
- ✓ vote a provisional ballot if there is uncertainty regarding your registration status or eligibility.
- ✓ receive assistance when voting if you are unable to vote unaided due to blindness, disability, illiteracy, or inability to read English; and you have a right to choose who assists you, so long as they are not your employer or union representative.

## UNDER SOUTH CAROLINA LAW YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO:

- ✓ vote from your vehicle (curbside voting) if you are over 65 years old or have a disability that prevents you from standing in line.
- ✓ vote after serving a felony conviction if you have served your entire sentence, including probation or parole, and have re-registered with your local county board of registration and elections.

## PHOTO ID REQUIREMENTS:

**When voting in-person on Election Day, you will be asked to present one of the following forms of ID:**

- SC Driver's License
- SC Department of Motor Vehicles ID Card
- Federal Military ID
- US Passport
- SC Voter Registration Card w/ Photo

**Forgot your ID?** You can cast a provisional ballot if you forgot your ID. 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.

**Don't have an ID?** You can vote in person by provisional ballot without a photo ID if you have an accepted reason. South Carolina's photo ID law contains a "reasonable impediment" exception that recognizes many reasons why you may not have a photo ID, such as:

- you are disabled or ill;
- you have a conflict with your work schedule;
- you have family responsibilities;
- you do not have a copy of your birth certificate;
- you lack transportation or money to get to the county election office or DMV;
- you have a religious objection to being photographed; or
- there is another obstacle that YOU find reasonable.

**If you qualify to vote without a photo ID due to a "reasonable impediment," 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. 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.

## PROTECT VOTING RIGHTS: REPORT ISSUES

**The NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. ("LDF") and our partners work year-round to monitor, address, and eliminate barriers to voting. Email [vote@naacpldf.org](mailto:vote@naacpldf.org) or call the numbers below if you identify any of the following issues:**



- name(s) removed from voter rolls
- inaccessible voting sites or changes to their locations
- intimidation or the spread of misinformation about elections or voting rights
- inadequate training of poll workers
- voting machine or other technology issues
- long voting lines

**REPORT ISSUES BY EMAIL: [vote@naacpldf.org](mailto:vote@naacpldf.org)**

**CALL ELECTION PROTECTION: 866-OUR-VOTE**

**English: 866-687-8683**

**Arabic: 844-925-5287**

**Spanish: 888-839-8682**

**Asian Languages: 888-274-8683**

**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.