To vote in South Carolina you must:  
• Registered to vote;  
• A U.S. Citizen;  
• At least 18 years old on Tuesday, November 6, 2012;  
• A resident of South Carolina, your county and your precinct;  
• Not under a court order declaring you mentally incompetent;  
• Not currently incarcerated for a felony or a misdemeanor; and  
• Not currently on probation or parole for a felony or any violation of an election law.**

**Voting for People with a Criminal Conviction  
• If you have been convicted of a felony, you may vote if you have served the entire sentence (including probation or parole) or have received a pardon for the conviction.  
• If you have been convicted of a misdemeanor, you may vote once you are released.  
• If you have been convicted of any crime (felony or misdemeanor) involving a violation of an election law, you may vote if you have served the entire sentence (including probation or parole) or have received a pardon for the conviction.  
• An arrest or incarceration prior to conviction does not disqualify you from voting. You can vote by mail absentee ballot while in jail if you are awaiting trial on any charge (see Early Voting By Absentee Ballot).

Due to ongoing litigation, the Voter ID requirements may change after these materials are printed. Call the State Election Commission at 803.734.9060 or your county election office to check requirements closer to Election Day.
Information about absentee voting can be found at http://www.scvotes.org/2009/10/15/absentee_voting or by calling your county election office.

You are eligible to vote by absentee ballot before Election Day if you are a registered voter, will be out of your county on Election Day, and meet any one of the following criteria:

- Are a student (or the spouse or dependent child of a student);
- Are an Armed Forces, Merchant Marine, Red Cross or USO member (or the spouse or dependent child of the member);
- Are overseas; or
- Are away on vacation.

You are eligible to vote by absentee ballot before Election Day, even if you will be in your county on Election Day, and meet one of the following criteria:

- Are 65 years of age or older;
- Have an employment reason;
- Have been admitted to an emergency room on or after Friday, November 2;
- Are physically disabled or hospitalized, or a person attending a sick or physically disabled person;
- Have a death or funeral in the family on or after Saturday, November 3;
- Are confined to a jail or pre-trial facility pending the outcome of an arrest or trial;
- Have jury service; or
- Are a certified poll watcher, poll manager, or county election official.

By Mail

- Request an absentee ballot application
  - from your county election office at http://www.scvotes.org/how_to_register_absentee_voting;

By Mail

- You will be mailed an absentee ballot application, or, if requesting one online, you must print, complete and sign the application.
- Return the absentee ballot application by mail, email or fax to your county election office on or before Friday, November 2, 2012 at 5:00 PM.
- Vote the absentee ballot after following instructions.
- Return the absentee ballot to your county election office by Election Day on Tuesday, November 6, 2012 at 7:00 PM.
- You can mail your ballot as soon as you complete it, so do not wait until the deadline. Late ballots will not be counted.

In-Person

- Visit your county elections office at http://www.scvotes.org/how_to_register_absentee_voting
- Complete an absentee ballot application.
- Cast your ballot up until Monday, November 5, 2012 at 5:00 PM.
- Bring a South Carolina’s driver’s license, South Carolina DMV-issued ID card or voter registration card.

IMPORTANT DATES

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2012
Last day to register to vote for November 2012 election

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2012, 5:00 PM
Deadline for receipt of by mail absentee ballot application

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2012, 5:00 PM
Last day for in-person absentee voting

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2012, 7:00 PM
Deadline for receipt of by mail absentee ballots

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2012 ELECTION DAY
Polls Open: 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM