

# VOTING

## In South Carolina

### To vote in South Carolina, you must be a registered voter.

Statewide elections are held in June and November every two years. All registered voters in the state can participate in these statewide elections. Municipal, school board, and special elections are held throughout the year.

### Voting at the Polling Place

Voting occurs at a polling place located near the address where you are registered. The name and address of your polling place is shown on your voter registration card. Your polling place is open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. on election day. Any voter in line at 7 p.m. will be allowed to vote.

### Voting Absentee

If you are unable to go to your polling place on election day, you may be able to vote prior to the election. Absentee voting is available at the county voter registration office. Visit [www.scvotes.org](http://www.scvotes.org) for contact information to your county office.

### ID Required to Vote

When you go to the polling place, you will be required to provide one of the following types of identification:

- Voter registration card
- S.C. driver's license
- Identification issued by the S.C. Department of Motor Vehicles

### Additional ID

If you registered to vote by mail and didn't include a copy of your identification, you will be required to provide identification the first time you vote.

Acceptable forms of ID:

- Current, valid photo ID
  - Including, but not limited to, military, school or business ID
- Utility bill, bank statement, paycheck or government document
  - Must show name and address in county of residence

### Lost or Misplaced Voter Registration Card

If your registration card is lost or misplaced, a duplicate card may be obtained, even on election day, by visiting your voter registration office.

### Assistance with Voting

A voter who is physically disabled, illiterate, or blind may receive assistance in casting a ballot.

### Curbside Voting

A voter who is disabled or unable to access the polling place may vote in their vehicle. In some polling places, voters use a vehicle-height call button system placed at a designated parking area, which when pressed, notifies poll managers of the voter's arrival. At other polling places, poll managers monitor the designated parking area to look for curbside voters. The portability of the voting machine allows it to be brought to the vehicle.

### Provisional Ballots

A voter's registration may be challenged if the voter does not present proper identification or if the voter has not updated his address. The voter may be allowed to cast a provisional ballot. After the election, the county election commission will determine if the provisional ballot is to be counted.

### More Information

For details on voter registration laws, see Title 7 of the S.C. Code of Laws.

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Each polling place in the state features easy to use touch screen electronic voting machines. You simply touch the screen to select a candidate or issue.

Other benefits of the voting system include:

**Security** The voting system is a safe, closed system with independent security measures to protect and store data. The voting machine is never connected to a computer network or the Internet. Each voting machine operates independently, so there is no danger of a network crash or hackers gaining access.

**Accuracy** A review screen displays the candidates the voter selected. The voter has the opportunity to make changes. A confirmation screen records the vote. Each vote is stored in three independent memory locations to ensure accuracy.



**Access for Voters who are Visually Impaired**  
Each precinct offers an ADA compliant voting machine featuring an audio ballot, headphones and Braille-embossed buttons.

**Access for Voters who are Physically Impaired**  
The lighter weight of the voting machine makes for easy portability for wheelchair use.

For more voter registration and election information, contact your county Board of Voter Registration or visit: [www.scvotes.org](http://www.scvotes.org).

Ask your county Board of Voter Registration for literature on any of the following topics:

- Voter Registration in South Carolina
- Absentee Voting in South Carolina
- Access for Voters with Disabilities in South Carolina
- 1-2-3 Vote How to Use South Carolina's Voting System

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