



How to Vote in South Carolina

Voters with disabilities, get ready and vote in the General Election on or before November 3, 2020, with this voter guide, prepared by AAPD's REV UP.



1. Registering to Vote

- **How can I register to vote?** You can register [online](#) or by downloading and mailing this [form](#). If you have already registered, you can double-check your voter registration status at [vote.org](#).
- **When do I need to register?** Make sure to register by 10/2/2020 because South Carolina does not allow people to register on Election Day.
- **Do I need an ID?** You will need to have a South Carolina address and driver's license or ID, or a social security number if you don't have a state ID. You may attach other forms of identification if registering by mail.
- **Can I vote if I have a disability?** Yes! People with disabilities who are at least 18 years old have the right to vote. Your vote matters and is protected by laws to ensure voting is accessible, independent, and private. If you have a guardian, you can still vote, unless a judge says you cannot vote". Contact your local [Protection and Advocacy agency](#) for help understanding or restoring your vote.



2. Learning about the Issues

- **What people or laws can I vote for?** Enter your home address in [Ballotpedia's Sample Ballot Lookup](#) to find out what is on your ballot.



3. Voting in Person

- **Where do I need to go to vote?** If you are registered to vote, you can find your polling place [here](#).
- **When can I vote?** South Carolina does not allow in-person early voting, but they do allow in-person absentee voting so you can drop your ballot off starting 10/5/2020 in order to avoid lines on Election Day!
- **Can I vote from a car if the polling place is inaccessible?** Yes, South Carolina does allow voters to request a ballot from a car, if a polling place is inaccessible.
- **What if I want assistance with my ballot?** You may choose someone (except your boss, union agent, or a candidate) to assist you in marking your ballot.
- **Do I need an ID?** Yes, you will need to bring an [acceptable photo ID](#). You can cast a provisional ballot if you do not have a photo ID.



4. Voting by Mail

- **Can I vote by mail?** Yes, if you have a disability, you can vote absentee in South Carolina. All voters are now qualified to vote absentee under the "State of Emergency" reason.
- **How do I request a mail ballot?** You can find the ballot application [online](#) and print it or request one from your [county voter registration office](#) by phone or email.
- **When do I need to request my ballot?** The last day to request an absentee ballot is 10/30/2020. Request your ballot as soon as possible to make sure that your ballot is received on time.
- **How do I fill out my ballot?** South Carolina does not have an electronic absentee ballot available for voters with disabilities, so you have to complete a paper ballot. You must sign the voter's oath and have your signature witnessed.
- **What if I want assistance with my ballot?** Voters unable to write may receive help in applying for and marking their ballot. The voter must make his/her mark and have the mark witnessed by someone chosen by the voter.

- **How do I return my ballot?** Return your ballot to your [county voter registration office](#) by mail or personal delivery. Your ballot must be received by 11/3/2020, so request your ballot as soon as possible if you plan to vote by mail!
- **Do I need an ID?** No, you do not need an ID when voting by mail.
- **Can I track my ballot?** Yes, you can track your absentee ballot [online](#).

5. Additional Resources

- **Where can I find more info on how to vote?** For the most accurate and up-to-date elections info, contact your elections office:
 - State Election Commission**
Address: 1122 Lady Street, Suite 500, Columbia, SC 29201
Phone: (803) 734-9060
Email: elections@elections.sc.gov
Website: <https://www.scvotes.gov/>
- **What if I am having trouble voting or registering to vote?** If you have any trouble voting, contact your local Protection and Advocacy organization:
 - Protection & Advocacy for People with Disabilities, Inc.**
Address: 3710 Landmark Drive Suite 208, Columbia, SC 29204
Phone: 803-782-0639, Toll Free: 866-275-7273, TTY: 866-232-4525
Email: info@pandasc.org
Website: <https://www.pandasc.org/>
- **What if I have more questions?** Check out these resources:
 - [Guardianship and Voting Laws](#)
 - [Resources for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Voters](#)
 - [Resources for Blind and Low Vision Voters](#)
 - [Easy Read and Plain Language Voting Resources](#)
 - [ASL Hotline](#): 301-818-VOTE (301-818-8683)
 - [Election Protection Hotline](#): 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683)
 - [Incarceration and Voting Rights](#)
 - [Help with Getting a Voter ID](#)
 - [Help with Getting a Printed Absentee Ballot Application](#)