



HOW TO VOTE IN SOUTH CAROLINA

A Quick Guide for People with Disabilities Voting in the 2022 General Election on or Before November 8, 2022.



REGISTERING TO VOTE

- **How can I register to vote?** You can register:
 - If you have already registered, you can check if you are registered to vote at vote411.org.
 - Online at South Carolina's [Online Voter Registration Website](#).
 - By downloading and mailing the South Carolina [mail in registration form](#).
- **When do I need to register?** Be sure to register to vote by the registration deadline. South Carolina does not allow voters to register after the deadline or on Election Day for this election.
 - Register in person on or before October 7, 2022.
 - Register online on or before October 9, 2022.
 - Register by mail on or before October 11, 2022.
- **Do I need identification (ID) to register?** You will need to have a South Carolina address and South Carolina state ID card or driver's license. You can use your social security number if you don't have a state ID.
- **Can I vote if I have a disability?** Yes! People with disabilities who are 18 years old or older have the right to vote. Your vote matters and is protected by laws to make sure voting is accessible, independent, and

private. If you have a guardian, you can still vote, unless a judge said you cannot vote. For help understanding or getting back your right to vote, contact your local [Protection and Advocacy Agency \(P&A\)](#).

- **Can I vote if I have gone to jail or prison?** If you have gone to jail or prison, you should check to see if you are allowed to vote. Learn about voting rights for people who have [gone to jail or prison](#). You can also [contact your local P&A](#).



LEARNING ABOUT THE ISSUES

- **What is a ballot?** A ballot is a list of who and what you can vote for. Your ballot will list candidates who are running for different offices, such as Senator or Representative. You vote by marking your choice on the ballot.
- **What is a ballot measure?** Sometimes, your ballot will have ballot measures. A ballot measure is a law, issue, or question that you can vote on. Voters get to decide if they agree or disagree with the ballot measure by voting yes to agree or no to disagree. You can learn about ballot measures on the South Carolina [election website](#).
- **Can I look at my ballot before I go to vote?** Enter your home address in [Ballotpedia's Sample Ballot Lookup](#). This tool will give you a "sample ballot," which will show you what will be on your ballot when you vote.



VOTING IN PERSON

- **Where do I need to go to vote?** The place where you go to vote in person is called a polling place. You can find your local polling place through the South Carolina election website. [Find your polling place](#).
- **Can I vote before Election Day?** South Carolina allows any voter to vote in person before Election Day during the Early Voting period. You can vote between October 28, 2022 and November 5, 2022 and avoid lines on Election Day!

- **Can I vote outside if the polling place is inaccessible?** Yes, South Carolina does allow voters to vote outside the polling place if it is inaccessible. This is called curbside voting.
- **What if I want help with filling out my ballot?** You may choose someone to help you vote. Your helper cannot be a candidate or your boss. If you are part of a labor union at work, the person who helps you vote cannot be a representative of that labor union. [What is a labor union?](#) You may also ask for help from poll workers at the polling place.
- **Do I need an ID?** South Carolina requires voters to show photo ID to vote in person. If the voter does not have photo ID because it was too difficult to get one or impossible to get one, the poll workers will say that the voter "has a reasonable impediment to getting a photo ID." In this case, the voter can sign a statement called an affidavit to vote. [What is an affidavit? Learn about voter ID.](#)



VOTING BY MAIL

- **Can I vote by mail?** If you have a disability or you are away from home on Election Day, you may vote by mail in South Carolina. This is called absentee voting. [What is absentee voting?](#)
- **How do I request a mail ballot?** You must apply for an absentee ballot in person or by mail from your county voter registration office. [Request your ballot.](#)
- **Can I get an electronic absentee ballot?** South Carolina does not have an electronic absentee ballot available for voters with disabilities, so you must vote on a paper ballot.
- **When do I need to request my ballot?** The last day to request your ballot is October 28, 2022. Request your ballot as soon as possible to make sure that you receive your ballot on time.
- **Do I need to sign my ballot?** Be sure to sign your ballot or envelope when asked, since South Carolina may require this signature to match

one of your past signatures. You must also have a witness sign your ballot or envelope when asked.

- **What if I want help with filling out my ballot?** You may choose to have a family member or someone else fill out your ballot. If you choose someone who is not your family member, that person is called an Authorized Representative. That person must fill out a special form called the Authorized Representative Form and give it to the county voter registration office before you vote. They must return your ballot in person to the county voter registration office.
- **How do I return my ballot?** You can return your ballot by mail or in person. Your ballot must be received by election officials by 7 p.m. on November 8, 2022.
- **Can someone return my ballot for me?** You may choose to have a family member or an Authorized Representative return your ballot. They must return your ballot in person to the county voter registration office.
- **Do I need an ID to vote by mail?** No, you do not need an ID when voting an absentee ballot by mail unless you are voting for the first time in a federal election in South Carolina.
- **Can I track my ballot?** Yes, you can track your ballot online to see if the elections office has received it. You can do this on the South Carolina election website. [Track your ballot.](#)



MORE VOTING HELP

- **Where can I find more info on how to vote?** Check out the South Carolina [state election website](#). Learn about [voting assistance for voters with disabilities](#).
- **What if I am having trouble voting or registering to vote?** If you have any trouble voting, [contact your local P&A](#). The hotline number for voters with disabilities is 866-275-7273.

- **What if I have more questions?** Check out these resources:
 - [Disability Rights South Carolina: Voting Resources](#)
 - [Guardianship and Voting Laws](#)
 - [Able South Carolina: Disability Civic Engagement Guide](#)
 - [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)



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