

Reasonable Impediment

To vote under the reasonable impediment exception at the polling place:

- Present your current, non-photo registration card
- Sign an affidavit stating why you could not obtain a photo ID
- Cast a provisional ballot that will be counted unless the county election commission has reason to believe your affidavit is false

If you do not have a photo ID, a reasonable impediment to obtaining one, or simply forgot to bring your photo ID to the polling place, you may still vote a provisional ballot. For your provisional ballot to be counted, you must provide a photo ID to the county election commission prior to certification of the election.

Voter Assistance

Voters needing assistance may be joined by a person of your choice except your employer or a representative of your employer's union.

Curbside voting is available to any voter who cannot enter the polling place or is unable to stand in line to vote. Vote "curbside," outside the polling place in your vehicle. Poll Managers monitor the area at least every 15 minutes.

A "Curbside Voting" sign should be visible at your polling place.



**South Carolina
DisAbility
Voting Coalition**

**For more information or to report
voting concerns contact:**

Protection and Advocacy for People with
Disabilities, Inc.
3710 Landmark Drive, Suite 208
Columbia, SC 29204
803-782-0639 (voice)
866-275-7273 (Toll Free)
866-232-4525 (TTY)

Info@pandasc.org (Email)

The **SC Disability Voting Coalition** is a non-partisan coalition dedicated to increasing the numbers of people with disabilities who vote through voter education and improved access to the voting process. The coalition is comprised of more than 40 non-profit and state agencies. For a listing of members and more information about the coalition, visit our webpage www.pandasc.org

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ENSURING ACCESS FOR VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES

ADVOCATING EQUAL ACCESS TO VOTING

People With Disabilities Have The Right:

- To vote in elections independently or with assistance
- To vote privately and in the same manner as any voter
- To be treated with dignity and respect in all aspects of the voting process

Voters with disabilities cannot be denied the right to vote solely on the basis of a disability.

Who Can Register

In order to vote, you need to register at least 30 days before the election. To be eligible to register in South Carolina, you **MUST**:

- Be a United States citizen and a resident of South Carolina
- Be at least 18 years old on or before the next election
- Not be under a court order declaring you mentally incompetent
- Not be in prison resulting from a conviction of a crime
- Not be on probation

How to Register

A citizen who wishes to register to vote may:

- Register in person at your county voter registration and elections office
- Register online or download a form at **scvotes.org**, complete it, and return it to your county voter registration and elections office.
- You can also register to vote at any of the following:
 - Protection & Advocacy for People with Disabilities, Inc.
 - SC Association of the Deaf
 - SC Commission for the Blind
 - SC Dept. of Disabilities & Special Needs
 - SC Dept. of Mental Health
 - SC Dept. of Motor Vehicles
 - SC Dept. of Social Services
 - SC Vocational Rehabilitation

Absentee Voting

A person with a disability may vote absentee in person or by mail.

- In person, visit your county voter registration and elections office, complete an application, and cast your ballot. You may vote absentee in person up until 5:00 p.m. on the day before the election.
- You may request an absentee ballot application online at **scvotes.org** or by visiting your county voter registration and elections office.
- Return the completed application to your county voter registration and elections office by 5:00 p.m. on the Friday prior to the election. You will then be mailed an absentee ballot.
- Complete the ballot and return it to your county voter registration and elections office by 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election. You may have another person return the ballot for you by completing the authorization form available from your county voter registration and elections office. A list of county voter registration and elections offices can be found under the **General** tab at **scvotes.org**.

Voting on Election Day

Polling places are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

You must present one of the following items to vote on Election Day:

- SC Driver's license
- SC DMV issued ID card
- SC voter registration card with photo
- Federal Military ID
- United States Passport

If you already have one of the photo IDs listed above you are ready to vote. Be sure to bring your photo ID with you to your polling place.

Getting a Photo ID

If you do **NOT** currently have one of the items listed above, you can get a photo ID free of charge at the following locations:

- Your county voter registration and elections office by providing your date of birth and the last four digits of your social security number.
- Your local DMV office. Check with DMV or **scdmvonline.com** for the required documents.

If you do **NOT** have a photo ID on Election Day, you may vote a provisional ballot by providing a reasonable impediment (any valid reason beyond your control which created an obstacle to obtaining a photo ID).