

VOTING 101

Election Day: Tuesday, November 8, 2016

Voter Registration: All states have different voter registration deadlines. Some are a month before the election and others are two weeks before the election. Contact your local board of elections and make sure you are aware of the voter registration deadlines in your state.

Early Voting: Any registered voter can vote early (before Election Day). This option is useful for voters who are unable to get to the polls on Election Day. Deadlines for early voting vary. Contact your state board of elections for information about where to go and what is required to vote early. You can also locate this information line by visiting www.canivote.org and selecting "Make your Vote Count: Absentee and Early Voting."

Absentee Voting: A registered voter who is unable to be in the precinct or designated polling location in their state on Election Day can still vote using an absentee ballot. This ballot can be mailed to voters and some states allow proxy voting (a voting ballot is submitted by others on your behalf). Eligibility for absentee voting varies by state, visit www.canivote.org and select "Make Your Vote Count: Absentee and Early Voting."

Provisional Voting: A voter whose eligibility is in question can cast a provisional ballot. The Help America Vote Act was signed into law in 2002 safeguards this right. Examples of provisional voting include: not updating your voter registration information by the deadline, showing up at the wrong polling location, not being able to provide proper identification.

Election Day Voting: If you plan to vote in person Election Day, Tuesday, November 8, 2016, ensure you know the exact location of your polling place. To find your polling place, go to www.canivote.org and click on "Find Your Polling Place."

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Get Engaged & Make A Difference!

The following organizations are dedicated to the inclusion of all people in the areas of voting rights. They provide access to resources and services, and offer state and national voter engagement efforts.

DC Vote
Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights
League of Women Voters
League of Women Voters Education Fund
NAACP Legal Defense Fund
National Election Defense Coalition
Project Vote
Rock the Vote
The American Civil Liberties Union
The Brennan Center for Justice
The Fair Elections Network
The National CAPACD
The Southern Coalition for Social Justice
Transformative Justice Coalition
Voting Rights Alliance
Voto Latino

State Voter Registration

To find more information about specific voter registration deadlines in your state, visit your state government website and ask them what to do to get registered to vote or to verify your registration information.

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to vote for all American citizens.

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