

# Know Your Rights!

**You have the right to vote—it's the law, and you have the proof in your hands! You'll notice letters and numbers after each of your rights listed below—those codes tell lawyers and poll-workers where to find the actual South Carolina statute that protects your right to vote! These rights are guaranteed to properly registered and qualified voters.**

**If you think your rights have been violated, call the Election Protection lawyer hotline toll free: 1-866-OUR-VOTE.**

## South Carolina Voters' Bill of Rights

1. The polls will be open from 7 am to 7 pm on Election Day. If you are in line or in the process of voting when the polls close at 7 pm, **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE.** S.C. Code Ann. §§ 7-13-60 and 7-13-850 (2002)
2. If something happens to your registration card, **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO OBTAIN A DUPLICATE CARD** from the county board of registration. § 7-13-710
3. If your name is not on the poll list and election officials cannot verify your eligibility at that time after calling the county registrar's office, **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE** by provisional ballot. § 7-13-820
4. If you cannot read or write, or if a disability prevents you from casting a ballot, **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT** to request assistance from either a family member or from an election manager and one other person (except your employer, agent of your employer or officer or agent of your union). § 7-13-770
5. If you are blind, **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT** to request assistance from any person of your choosing without the presence of a manager. Id.
6. If you are elderly or physically disabled and are unable to enter the polling place to vote, **YOU HAVE A RIGHT** to vote outside the polling place in your vehicle in the closest available parking area. § 7-13-771(A)
7. If you are physically disabled, **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT** to vote at the Countywide Barrier-Free Voting Precinct if you apply for and receive authorization from the county board 30 days before the election. § 7-7-990
8. If you have moved within the same precinct, **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE** at that same precinct after affirming your change of address verbally or in writing. § 7-5-440(A)
9. If you have moved between precincts or between counties within 30 days of the election, **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE**, after affirming your new address, at your former polling place by provisional ballot or at the main office of the county board of voter registration for your new county of residence. § 7-5-440(B)(1)-(2)
10. If the registration records inaccurately indicate that you have moved, **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE** after providing written or oral affirmation that you have not moved. § 7-5-440(C)
11. If you have been convicted of a felony or of violating the election laws, but have completed your sentence, including any period of probation and parole, and have registered to vote since that time, **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE.** § 7-5-120(B)(3)
12. When you are within 200 feet of the polling place entrance, **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT** to vote or wait without anyone distributing campaign literature to you. § 7-25-180(A)
13. If you make a mistake on your ballot and have not cast it, **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO OBTAIN ONE REPLACEMENT BALLOT** after returning the spoiled ballot to the election managers with the stub attached. § 7-13-790
14. If your right to vote is challenged for any reason, **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE** by provisional ballot. § 7-13-830

**YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO TAKE THIS BILL OF RIGHTS INTO THE VOTING BOOTH WITH YOU.  
Call 1-866-OUR VOTE to report problems**

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