

It's Your Right to Vote. Protect Your Voice.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

Are you at least 18 years old? A U.S. Citizen? Then you have the right to vote. Stay informed and be prepared, so that you can vote on Election Day. Here are **NINE EASY WAYS** to make sure your vote is counted.

1. Register to Vote

Most voter registration deadlines are in October. Find your state's deadline. The last day to register to vote in Georgia is October 6, 2008.

2. Verify that you are registered to vote at your current address

Call your local elections office to make sure there are no problems with your registration, especially if you have moved recently, changed your name, or have not voted in recent elections. In Georgia, you can also check online at: <http://sos.georgia.gov/elections/polllocator/PollLocator.aspx>

3. Vote Early

For greater convenience, some states allow early voting in person and/or by mail. Find out whether you can vote early. This will also allow you to volunteer on Election Day.

4. Find Your Polling Place

Call the local elections office to find out the location of your polling place and ask about any new voting procedures or requirements. Locations may change, and a vote cast at the wrong place may not be counted.

5. Bring proper identification

Find out what identification is required to vote in your state. Bring identification to the polls in case it is needed, preferably government-issued identification or a utility bill, phone bill, or paycheck with your name and current street address. Requirements may be different if it is your first time voting. In Georgia, there are six different types of valid id. You must have photo identification in Georgia to be able to vote.

6. Bring a friend or family member

Under Section 208 of the Voting Rights Act, you can bring a friend into the voting booth to help you translate or assist you in the voting process.

7. Ask for a new ballot if you make a mistake

Under federal law, you have a right to a new ballot if you make a mistake.

8. Don't leave without voting

If you arrive late in the day and are in line when polls close, stay in line, because you have the right to vote.

9. What to do if you get a provisional ballot

A poll worker might tell you that there is a problem with your registration (for example, that you are not on the voter list) and offer you a provisional ballot. Ask if you are in the correct precinct. If no alternative is available, cast a provisional ballot.

** If you feel that your voting rights have been violated please contact the Department of Justice at (800) 253- 3931 or the National Voter Protection Hotline at 1 (866)Our Vote.**