

ACCESS FOR ALL VOTERS

In South Carolina

If you are a South Carolina citizen with a disability, it's easy to register and vote. The State Election Commission and your county voter registration and elections office work to ensure every voter has full access to the voting process.

Assistance in Voting

Voters with disabilities and voters who are blind or unable to read or write may receive assistance in voting. The voter must indicate to the poll manager he wants assistance. The voter may choose anyone to assist in casting their ballot except for their employer, an agent of their employer, an officer of their union or an agent of their union.

Poll managers have printed instructions available for voters who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Curbside Voting

Voters who are unable to access the polling place or stand in line to vote due to a disability or being age 65 or older may vote in their vehicle. Curbside voting does not require a disability parking placard. Poll managers monitor the curbside voting area at a minimum of 15 minute intervals. Only the voter is allowed in the vehicle while voting unless the voter is entitled to assistance. The driver and other passengers in the vehicle are not entitled to vote curbside unless they personally meet the qualifications.

Voter Registration

Applications are available at scVOTES.org.

- Citizens with a Drivers License or DMV ID card can register to vote online at scVOTES.org
- Large print voter registration applications are available at scVOTES.org
 - Under **Voters** in the menu click on **Voters With Disabilities**
 - Click on **Large Print Voter Registration Application**
 - Most of the application can be completed online
 - Print, sign, and return the application to the county voter registration and elections office
 - Contact information for each office is located at scVOTES.org

Each county election commission strives to find polling places that are accessible for all voters.

Polling places continue to be improved to increase accessibility:

- Wider entrance doors
- Entrance ramps & curb cuts
- Railing along the stairs & sidewalks
- Paved parking & designated disability parking
- Van accessible parking spaces
- Sidewalks from the parking spaces to the building entrance
- Door handles that can be opened with a closed fist
- Signs to direct the voter to entrances that are accessible
- Electronic curbside call systems

If your polling place is not accessible, contact the county voter registration and elections office with your suggestions.

The design of the voting machine makes for easy use.

Each machine ballot provides:

- Large fonts
- 15" full color touch screen display
- Light weight for portability to allow for curbside and tabletop use.

Additional information regarding voters with disabilities can be found on our website.

This site includes instructions and videos for voters about:

- Polling place accessibility
- The voting process for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing

Voting System

Each precinct offers an accessible voting machine featuring an audio ballot, headphones and Braille-embossed buttons

For More Information

For more voter registration and election information contact your county voter registration and elections office or visit: [scVOTES.org](https://www.scvotes.org).

Ask your county voter registration and elections office for literature on any of the following topics:

- **Voting in South Carolina**
- **Voter Registration in South Carolina**
- **Access for All Voters in South Carolina**
- **1-2-3 Vote - How to Use South Carolina's Voting System**