

VOTING

In South Carolina

To vote in South Carolina, you must be a registered voter.

Statewide elections are held in June and November every two years. All registered voters in the state can participate in these statewide elections. Municipal, school board and special elections are held throughout the year.

Voting at the Polling Place

Vote at your polling place located near the address where you are registered. Find your polling place at [scVOTES.org](https://www.scvotes.org) or by contacting your county voter registration and elections office. Your polling place is open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on election day. Any voter in line at 7:00 p.m. will be allowed to vote.

Voting Absentee

Vote absentee in person at your county voter registration and elections office. Photo ID is required to vote absentee in person.

Get an application to vote absentee by mail from [scVOTES.org](https://www.scvotes.org) or your county voter registration and elections office. Photo ID is not required to vote absentee by mail.

Assistance with Voting

Voters with disabilities and voters who are blind or unable to read or write may receive assistance in voting.

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.

Provisional Ballots

A voter's ballot may be challenged if there is some question regarding the voter's qualifications. Voters who are challenged cast a provisional ballot.

After the election, county election officials determine if a provisional ballot will be counted.

Important NEW information

Photo ID Requirements

At the polling place, you will be asked to provide one of the following types of photo identification.

- **S.C. Driver's License**
- **S.C. Department of Motor Vehicles ID Card**
- **S.C. Voter Registration Card with Photo**
- **Federal Military ID**
- **U.S. Passport**

Voters without Photo ID

If you don't have a Photo ID, make your voting experience as easy as possible by getting one before voting. Free Photo IDs are available at DMV and your county voter registration office.

If you can't get a Photo ID, bring your non-photo voter registration card with you to the polls. You will be allowed to vote after signing an affidavit stating you have a reasonable impediment to obtaining Photo ID. The reasonable impediment could be a religious objection to being photographed, a disability or illness, your work schedule, lack of transportation or any other obstacle you find reasonable.

If you forget to bring your Photo ID with you to vote, you may vote a provisional ballot that will not count unless you show Photo ID to the county election commission prior to certification of the election.

Lost Voter Registration Card

If your registration card is lost or misplaced, a duplicate card may be obtained, even on election day, by contacting your county voter registration and elections office.

Voting System

Each polling place in the state features easy to use touch screen electronic voting machines. You simply touch the screen to select a candidate or issue.

Other benefits of the voting system include:

Security *The voting system is a safe, closed system with independent security measures to protect and store data. The voting machine is never connected to a computer network or the Internet. Each voting machine operates independently, so there is no danger of a network crash or hackers gaining access.*

Accuracy *A review screen displays the candidates the voter selected. The voter has the opportunity to make changes. A confirmation screen records the vote. Each vote is stored in three independent memory locations to ensure accuracy.*

Access for Voters who are Visually Impaired

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

Access for Voters who are Physically Impaired

Lightweight for portability to allow for curbside and tabletop use.

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**