

MISSOURI

Voters' Bill of Rights

You have the right to vote—it's the law, and you have the proof in your hands! The numbers listed below describe the section of Missouri law that protects your right to vote. You have the right to bring this Bill of Rights with you into the polling area. If you feel your rights have been violated, please find an Election Protection volunteer or call toll free at 1-866-OUR-VOTE (1-866-687-8683).

Missouri Voters' Bill of Rights:

1. The polls are open between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. You have the right to vote if you are in line when the polls close at 7 p.m. or at any other time from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. (§115.407)
2. You must present identification in order to vote. (§115.427.1) You can present any one of the following:
 - An ID card issued by a federal, state or local government authority or agency;
 - An ID card from a college, university, vocational or technical school located in Missouri;
 - A current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other government document that contains your name and address; or
 - A driver's license or state ID card from Missouri or another state.

We suggest that you bring your voter registration card with you to the polls. If you do not have one of these IDs, you can still vote a regular ballot if you are personally known by two election judges (one from each party) and they sign an affidavit saying so. You have the right to cast a provisional ballot if election officials cannot establish your eligibility. (§§ 115.427.13 and 115.430.2)

3. If you cannot read or write, if English is not your first language, if you cannot mark the ballot on your own, if you do not understand how the voting system works, if something is confusing or if you otherwise need help for any reason, you have the right to request assistance to help you vote. (§115.445.3) You can ask for help from an election official, or you may bring any person of your choice (including a child, relative or friend) to help you before, during or after voting. The person you bring to help does not have to be 18 or a registered voter.
4. Polling places should be accessible to elderly and disabled voters. You have the right to vote outside the polling place within 200 feet of the entrance. (§§ 115.436.1-3) If you are a voter with a disability, you have the right to request curbside voting, and a ballot will be brought to your car. You also have a right to cut ahead to the front of the line or request (beforehand) that your polling place be reassigned.
5. If you have moved within the same county and have not been removed from the list of registered voters, you have the right to vote at a central polling place or at the polling place that serves your new address. (§ 115.165.2)
6. If you make a mistake or "spoil" your ballot before you submit it, you may request a new one. (§ 115.439.4)
7. If you were convicted of a felony other than one related to voting and have fully completed your sentence (including being fully discharged from probation or parole), you have the right to vote if you are registered. (§ 115.133.4)
8. No one is allowed to try to influence your vote within 25 feet of the polling place. (§ 115.637(18))
9. You have the right to bring children under age 18 into the polling place with you. (§ 115.409)
10. You have a right to cast a paper ballot. You are not required to use the electronic voting machine this election.

Have questions or want to volunteer? Send e-mail to denise@deniselieberman.com.
