

PENNSYLVANIA

Voters' Bill of Rights

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE! It is 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 Pennsylvania statute that protects your right to vote. These rights are guaranteed to properly registered and qualified voters. 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 call the Election Protection lawyer hotline toll free at **1-866-OUR-VOTE (1-866-687-8683)**.

1. ON ELECTION DAY, EACH POLLING PLACE WILL BE OPEN between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. If you are in line at the polling place when the polls close at 8 p.m., **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE.** (25 P.S. §§ 3045, 3060(e))
2. If you are voting in your election district for the first time, **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE** by regular ballot if you have a photo ID, voter identification card or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other government document that shows your name and address. (25 P.S. §§ 3050(a), 3050(a.1))
3. If you do not have any form of identification and you are voting in your election district for the first time, or if you believe you are registered but your name does not appear on the registration roll, **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE** a provisional ballot by signing a form swearing or affirming that you are a registered voter of the city and county in which you are voting. (25 P.S. § 3050(a.4))
4. If you cannot read, are disabled or require language assistance, **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO RECEIVE ASSISTANCE** from anyone you choose, except the judge of election, your employer or an agent of your employer or an officer or agent of your union. (25 P.S. §§ 3058(a)-(b))
5. If you move to a different county or within the same county in which you are registered to vote, **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE A REGULAR BALLOT IN YOUR OLD PRECINCT** after signing a written affirmation of your new address. (25 P.S. § 1902)
6. If you are challenged in the polls on Election Day, **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT** to sign a Challenge Affidavit affirming that you are a qualified voter and that the basis for the challenge is untrue. You also will have to produce a qualified voter from your election district to sign the affidavit. Then you may cast a regular ballot. (25 P.S. § 3050(d))
7. If you enter the voting booth and realize you need help operating the machine, **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REQUEST** audible instructions from any election officer, but they may not enter the booth with you. (25 P.S. § 3031.11(b), 3056(b))
8. When you are within a polling place, **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE (OR WAIT TO VOTE) WITHOUT ANYONE ELECTIONEERING OR TRYING TO INFLUENCE YOUR VOTE.** (25 P.S. § 3060(c))
9. If you are incarcerated while awaiting trial or because of a misdemeanor conviction, **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REGISTER TO VOTE AND TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT.** If you are incarcerated because of a felony conviction, **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REGISTER AND VOTE** after being released from incarceration. (Pennsylvania Department of State, <http://www.dos.state.pa.us/voting/cwp/view.asp?a=1192&q=443054>; last modified 7/21/05)
10. Your minor child or children may accompany you into the polling place, and one minor child may accompany you into the voting compartment or voting machine booth. (25 P.S. § 3531.1)
11. You may not remain in the voting booth for more than three minutes, unless there are no other voters waiting to vote. (25 P.S. § 3057)
12. **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT** to receive ballots, instructions and other voting materials **IN SPANISH** in Philadelphia County, Berks County and certain wards and divisions in Lehigh County. (42 U.S.C. § 1973; 67 Fed. Reg. 48,871 (2002); P.S. § 1327(a)(6))

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