



# VOTING IS MY RIGHT



DISABILITY RIGHTS  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY

At Disability Rights South Carolina, we strive to build a society where all people, regardless of type or severity of disability, can **exercise their right to vote** independently and privately.

From general elections to special elections, there are many opportunities to **let your voice be heard.**



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- ★ Learn more about how your vote can shape the future by
- ★ scanning the QR code or visiting:
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[www.disabilityrightssc.org/voting](http://www.disabilityrightssc.org/voting)



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# VOTER REGISTRATION

You can register at any time throughout the year, but to let your voice be heard during a specific election, you must register at least 30 days before that election.

You can register online, by mail, email, fax or in person. To register, you must:

- ★ **Be 18 years old**, or be turning 18 on or before the next election.
- ★ **Have a current, valid photo ID, or a utility bill, bank statement, paycheck or government document** showing your name and address in your county (*students can provide the address to their campus housing or the address they intend to return to while not in the college/university community*).

# TYPES OF ELECTIONS

## General Elections

General elections are meant for state-wide or national elections and are not limited to voters in a particular party or a specific locality.

## Primary Elections

Primary elections give voters the opportunity to decide who from a pool of candidates should be nominated by a political party to run in the general election.

## Special Elections

Special elections occur at a time between general elections. Special elections are frequently used to fill openings in offices or for a legislature to place a referendum before the public.

*\*A referendum is a direct vote by the electorate on a proposal, law or political issue.*

# HOW TO VOTE:

There are many ways to cast your vote:

**1.**

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In person on  
Election Day at your  
polling place.

**2.**

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In person on  
Election Day using  
curbside voting.

**3.**

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In person at a  
voting center  
during early voting.

**4.**

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Absentee voting  
by mail.

## Voting in Person on Election Day

The design of the voting machine makes it easy to customize for your specific needs:

- ★ Tabletop placement for wheelchair accessibility.
- ★ Full-color touchscreen display with zoom functionality and a high-contrast mode.
- ★ Audio-tactile keypad.
- ★ Headphone jack.
- ★ Input for Sip-and-Puff Device and other assistive switches.

*Need assistance? Notify a poll manager. Voters with disabilities and voters who are blind or unable to read or write may receive assistance in voting.*

## Voting in Person on Election Day via Curbside Voting

- ★ Curbside voting is available on Election Day and during the early voting period.
- ★ Upon arrival, park in the designated curbside voting parking space. Once parked, a poll worker will bring a curbside voting machine to your vehicle when it is your turn in line to vote.



## Early Voting

- ★ Early voting allows for all registered voters to vote in person prior to Election Day.
- ★ During early voting, voters can visit any early voting center in their county, present their photo ID and vote using the voting system like they would at their polling place on Election Day.

## Absentee Voting

- ★ Absentee voting allows qualified voters to cast their ballot before Election Day.
- ★ You can request your absentee ballot as early as January 1 of the election year.
- ★ To vote absentee, you must request an application, complete it and submit it to your county voter registration office.
- ★ Once you receive your paper ballot, you can return it to your county voter registration office or an early voting center either by mail or in person.

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## HOW TO REPORT PROBLEMS

**It's time to break down the  
barriers to voting.**

### **Disability-Related Voting Problems:**

If you have a disability-related voting problem in South Carolina, call Disability Rights South Carolina at (866) 275-7273, or email [info@disabilityrightssc.org](mailto:info@disabilityrightssc.org).

### **Non-Disability-Related Voting Problems:**

If you have a non-disability-related problem voting, notify a poll manager of the issue immediately. That way, any necessary actions can be taken by the poll managers to correct the issue so that less voters are impacted moving forward.

### **Additional Questions:**

Voters can also contact Election Protection at (866) 687-8683.



★ **Voting is a right, not a  
privilege. Let's make it  
accessible to all.**

★ Learn more at:

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