

KNOW YOUR VOTING RIGHTS

FLORIDA



✓ YOUR RIGHTS UNDER FEDERAL LAW:

- All voters have the right not to be discriminated against on the basis of race, national origin, or disability.
- All voters have the right to vote free of intimidation.
- All voters who need assistance by reason of disability or inability to read and write in the language of the ballot may choose someone to assist them to vote, as long as the person is not an agent/representative of the voter's employer or union.

✓ YOUR RIGHTS WHEN YOU CHECK-IN TO VOTE

You CANNOT be challenged as to your voter registration and voter eligibility except on Election Day.

It is a crime to frivolously challenge a voter.

A voter registration can be challenged for not meeting one of the following voting criteria:

- Must be at least 18 years old, a U.S. citizen, and a resident of Florida
- Must legally reside in the precinct
- Must not have been judicially declared mentally incapacitated with respect to voting
- Must not have been convicted of a felony without having their voting rights restored

Challenges MUST be in writing and must be signed under oath. If you are challenged, ask for a copy of the challenge.

Challenges MUST be made individually, not in a group.

Only a person registered in a county can challenge a voter in that county

✓ CHALLENGERS CANNOT SINGLE OUT GROUPS OF PEOPLE FOR CHALLENGES, SUCH AS ONLY CHALLENGING RESIDENCE OF STUDENTS.

✓ AFTER A CHALLENGE, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

- If the challenge is based on legal residence outside the precinct, update your address and vote a regular ballot,
- Otherwise, vote a provisional ballot

✓ Q&A: YOUR RIGHTS INSIDE THE POLLING PLACE

1. Who can I speak to if I am having any issues or problems with a poll worker?

Talk to the clerk or deputy at the polling location. If that does not solve the issue, call Election Protection.

2. When do I have the right to vote a provisional ballot?

You have the right to vote a provisional ballot:

- If the poll worker doubts that you are the same person shown on the ID
- If you are challenged for a reason other than legal residence outside the precinct



✓ Q&A: YOUR RIGHTS INSIDE THE POLLING PLACE -- continued

3. If I am challenged, who will decide the challenge? How and when will they decide that challenge, and what are my rights for that challenge?

Challenged voters who cast a provisional ballot must present written evidence supporting their eligibility to the supervisor of elections no later than 5 p.m. on November 10. The county canvassing board will then determine if the voter was eligible to vote.

4. Are poll workers allowed to report to political parties when performing their duties at the polling place?

No -- poll workers must remain nonpartisan while on duty.

5. I notice some poll watchers taking photographs inside the polling place. Is that allowed?

No photography is allowed in the polling room or the early voting area unless it is a voter taking a photo of their own ballot.

6. Who can be inside a polling room?

Under Florida law, only these people:

- Poll workers
- The supervisor and deputy supervisor of elections
- Voters who are present to vote
- A person in the care of a voter (e.g., an elderly person or a child)
- A person caring for a voter or assisting a voter
- A person who is helping with or participating in a mock election for minors that has been approved by the supervisor of elections
- Poll watchers approved by the supervisor of elections
- Election observers appointed by the Department of State

7. Who can I talk to if someone is trying to get in the way of me completing my ballot ?

Talk to the clerk or deputy at the polling location. If that does not resolve the issue, call Election Protection.

6. What are my rights if I need help voting?

All voters have the right to request and obtain assistance in voting from any person other than their employer, employer's agent, or union representative. Voters with disabilities have the right to vote on accessible equipment.

Voters with limited English proficiency are allowed to: vote using a Spanish translated ballot, have translated materials such as sample ballots with them, bring a person of their choosing to interpret (as long as that person is not an employer, and employer's agent, or a union representative), use the translation assistance provided by the county (typically a bilingual worker, interpreter, multi-language-audio-capable equipment or a professional phone translator service).

ELECTION PROTECTION

If you have questions or are experiencing problems voting, call the Election Protection Hotline and speak with a volunteer to get help.

**CALL IN ENGLISH:
866-OUR-VOTE**

**CALL IN SPANISH:
888-VE-Y-VOTA**

**CALL IN ASIAN LANGUAGES:
888-API-VOTE**

**CALL IN ARABIC:
844-YALLA-US**

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