

# KNOW YOUR VOTING RIGHTS

## VIRGINIA



### ✓ 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

Voters CANNOT be challenged by an out of state observer. The challenger must be a qualified voter or an election official.

If a voter is challenged, a poll worker must explain to the challenged voter the qualifications of a voter and may ask questions of the person concerning their qualifications to vote.

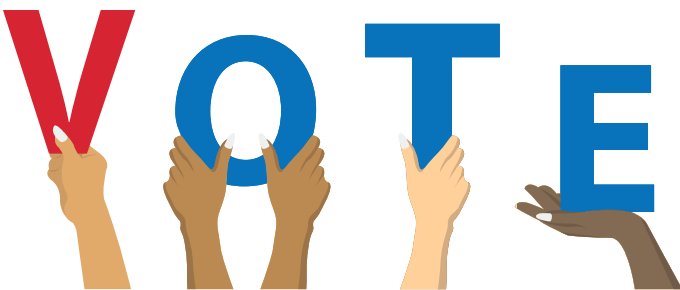
Challengers must fill out a form **under penalty of perjury**. The oath must say "to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, \_\_\_\_ is not a qualified voter of this precinct."

### ✓ YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE AFTER A CHALLENGE:

- If you are challenged as to qualifications, **you have the right to vote a regular ballot** if you sign a statement affirming your qualifications.
- If you are challenged as having already voted, you have a right to cast a provisional ballot.
- If you aren't in the pollbook, ask the poll worker to call the general registrar to confirm whether you are registered before you leave the polling place.
  - You have the right to vote a regular ballot if the general registrar informs the poll worker you are qualified, after signing a statement that you are qualified.
  - If the general registrar cannot be reached, you have the right to cast provisional ballot.

### ✓ AFTER A CHALLENGE, YOU ALSO HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

- Speak with the election official
- You can contact the Virginia Dept. of Elections at 1-800-552-9745, or via email at [info@elections.virginia.gov](mailto:info@elections.virginia.gov)



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✓ **YOUR RIGHTS WHEN INTERACTING WITH POLL WORKERS**

You have the right to vote even if you don't have an ID if you sign a statement as to your identity.

You have the right to change your address and still vote in that precinct.

If the pollbook indicates that the voter has provided an identification number other than a Social Security number, the election official must ask the voter their Social Security number. If the voter can provide it, a signed form will be transmitted to the general registrar for processing.

You have the right to not say your address out loud: you have the right to give the election official your name and address orally **or** in writing.

You have the right to not have your vote disrupted by anyone's use of an electronic device, such as a cell phone.

- Election workers can restrict the use of an electronic device by any individual if that use hinders, delays, or disrupts the voting process; if that use attempts to solicit or in any manner attempts to influence any person casting their vote; or if the individual attempts to intimidate another individual through use of an electronic device. A majority of officers of election at each polling place make the decision about whether a device is being used in this way.

You have the right to a secret ballot.

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✓ **IN THE VOTING AREA:**

- It is illegal to congregate or loiter within 40 feet of the entrance to any polling place.
- If you are having any issues or problems with a poll worker, talk to another election official in the precinct. You can also ask them to call the registrar. If that does not solve the problem, call Election Protection.

✓ **YOUR RIGHTS IF YOU NEED HELP VOTING**

Voters are entitled to assistance. If a voter has a disability or language need that requires assistance to vote, the voter may bring a person of their choice to help them vote. The person providing assistance can be anyone except a union representative, or an employer, or their agent.

Certain localities in Virginia must ensure that interpretation services in the language of the applicable minority group are available and easily accessible to voters needing language assistance, and that ballots are available in the minority language. Call Election Protection if you need help with language assistance.

Voters with disabilities or who are over 65 are entitled to vote curbside.

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# 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