

OHIO STUDENT VOTER BILL OF RIGHTS

Absentee Voting - Avoid the Lines and Vote Early

You can vote starting September 30 **in person** using an absentee ballot at your local Board of Elections (or their designated site). Or you can **mail** your absentee ballot, but it must be postmarked on or before Monday November 3 and received by the Board of Elections before November 14 (or if living abroad, it must be received by November 24).

IF YOU FORGET to MAIL your absentee ballot before November 3, on election day you CAN drop it off at the Board of Elections (or their designated site) during voting hours. HOWEVER, YOU CANNOT drop it at your polling place.

Stay in Line and VOTE

If you are in line when the polls close, you have the right to stay and vote a regular ballot. If time for voting is extended by court order and you arrive after the regular voting time, you may vote a **provisional ballot**.

Ask for Assistance

If you have a disability, physical limitations, trouble reading or writing, or need language assistance, a person of your choice may assist you, except a candidate, your employer, or your union.

Moved to New Address?

You can vote even if you did not submit a timely change of address or **re-register** by October 6. But you must previously have registered in Ohio.

Type of Ballot if you moved:

If you moved within the same precinct, you can vote a **regular ballot**.

If you moved to a different precinct or county, you can vote a **provisional ballot**. Your **provisional ballot WILL COUNT** if you complete a change of address and affirmation.

Where to Vote if you moved:

On election day, if you moved, you can either vote at the precinct polling place **where your new address is located** or at the Board of Elections office (or their designated site).

IF YOU VOTE in the WRONG PRECINCT, YOUR VOTE WILL NOT COUNT!

Go to your correct precinct or vote at the Board of Elections!

**OFFICIAL INFORMATION?
contact the Ohio Secretary of State
(877) 767-6446 or www.sos.state.oh.us**

Right to Vote a Secret Ballot

You have the right to vote a secret ballot.

Right to Vote a Paper Ballot

You have the right to use a paper ballot to vote instead of a machine.

Replacement Ballots

If while voting a paper ballot, you make a mistake on your first ballot, you have the right to ask for a replacement ballot (you can do this two times).

Right to Vote If Challenged

Only a pollworker can challenge your right to vote on election day, and it must be based on reliable information that you are ineligible (not 18, not a US citizen, or not a resident in that jurisdiction). If you are challenged, you still have the right to vote a **provisional ballot** after swearing truthfully to the facts of your eligibility. You must be a citizen, but do not need to present proof of citizenship, even if challenged on that basis.

What is a Provisional Ballot?

It is a ballot given a voter who claims to be properly registered, but whose qualifications cannot be immediately confirmed at the voting location. The **provisional ballot** application and affirmation form completed by the voter is returned to the Board of Elections for review and verification after the polls close.

Don't Leave Without Voting

If there is any question regarding your eligibility to vote that cannot be settled on Election Day, you have the right to vote using a **provisional ballot**.

**KNOW YOUR
VOTING RIGHTS**

REGISTER to VOTE!

Deadline to register is October 6, 2008

CONFIRM your REGISTRATION

Be sure to confirm your registration online at
[http://www.sos.state.oh.us/SOS/
voterquery.aspx?page=361](http://www.sos.state.oh.us/SOS/voterquery.aspx?page=361)
or phone your county Board of Elections

BRING ID to the POLLS

Take this
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RIGHTS
into the
VOTING
BOOTH
with you

POLL HOURS

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 4 2008

6:30 AM - 7:30 PM

Call 1-866-MYVOTE1 (1-866-698-6831)

to locate your polling place or go online

[http://www.sos.state.oh.us/SOS/elections/
voterInformation.aspx](http://www.sos.state.oh.us/SOS/elections/voterInformation.aspx)

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PROBLEMS at the POLLS?

Right to vote violated?
call Election Protection Hotline toll free:
1-866-OUR-VOTE
(1-866-687-8683)

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IDENTIFICATION

ID is a current and valid photo identification card such as an Ohio driver's license, even if it shows a previous Ohio address. Or use a military ID (does not need current address in Ohio). Finally, any of the following are valid **BUT ONLY IF** the ID shows your name and current address **AND** was issued within a year of Election Day: 1) utility bill (eg. cell phone bill or zero balance utility bill issued by your school for internet service), 2) paycheck, 3) bank statement, or 4) other government document (**including documents from a public college or university**).

You can **download and print web versions** as long as the document is current and shows your actual current street address.

A driver's license from another state is not sufficient. Notices mailed to you from a Board of Elections are not proof of identification.

If you do NOT have proper ID, you will vote by provisional ballot by completing an affirmation at the poll stating you are a registered voter in the jurisdiction and eligible to vote in the election. On the affirmation, **be sure to provide the last 4 digits of your social security number;** otherwise you will need to bring ID to the Board of Elections within 10 days of the election or your **provisional ballot WILL NOT COUNT.**

A college student may use his/her Ohio school residence address (not a PO Box) to register. That student may NOT also vote absentee from his/her family's address. When voting from the school address, if challenged, the Secretary of State has ruled, "the school residence is considered to be the place to which the student's habitation is fixed and to which, whenever the student is absent, the student intends to return, and is considered by the student to be his or her permanent residence at the time of voting."