

## 5. VOTERS HAVE A RIGHT TO ASSISTANCE WHEN VOTING.

You have the right to assistance at the polling place, including foreign language or literacy assistance. You may select any person to assist you as long as the person is not your employer or union representative or the Judge of Elections. Voters do not need to be designated in the poll book as “assistance permitted” to receive help. A person who wants assistance will be asked to sign an Assistance Declaration at the precinct, unless the poll book already indicates “assistance permitted.” Voters also have the right to refuse assistance.

### QUESTIONS?

**CALL YOUR COUNTY**

**VOTER REGISTRATION OFFICE**

**OR 1-877-VOTESPA (1-877-868-3772)**

If you have technical problems with any Pennsylvania Department of State web application, please call the Help Desk at: **1-866-472-7873**.

**For more information about voting,  
visit our website:**



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things every voter  
should know about

**PENNSYLVANIA  
ELECTIONS**



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# 1. YOU CAN NOW REGISTER ONLINE TO VOTE IN PENNSYLVANIA!

The deadline to register to vote or to change your address is 30 days before an election.

- To register online go to: [register.votespa.com](http://register.votespa.com).
- Fill out and submit the voter registration application.
- Use your application number to track your application.
- Once your registration is approved, your county voter registration office will mail a voter registration card to your residence.

You can still register using the paper Pennsylvania Voter Registration Mail Application form. Download the voter registration application at [votesPA.com](http://votesPA.com). Paper voter registration forms are also available at public offices such as your local library.

Complete the application, sign it and deliver or mail to your county voter registration office.

# 2. FIRST-TIME VOTERS IN PRECINCTS MUST SHOW IDENTIFICATION (ID).

Voters voting for the first time in their precinct must show ID. The ID can be photo or non-photo ID. This is the only time ID is required.

Pennsylvania's strict photo ID law for all voters is no longer in effect for voting at the polls. Unless you are a first time voter, poll workers should not ask you for photo ID, and you will NOT need to present ID to vote in the 2016 Primary or General Election. If you are a first-time voter, and you show a non-photo ID, it must contain your name and address.

The only other voters who need to show ID are those who may need to verify that their address is correct.

## Forms of acceptable ID include:

### PHOTO ID

- Driver's license
- U.S. passport
- Employee ID
- Military ID
- Student ID
- Any ID issued by the commonwealth or the US Government

### NON-PHOTO ID

- Firearm permit
- Current bank statement
- Voter registration card
- Current utility bill
- Current paycheck

# 3. A VOTER WHOSE NAME IS NOT IN THE POLLBOOK CAN STILL VOTE.

When you go to your polling place to vote but your name does not appear in the poll book or supplemental poll book, you can still vote. The local officials should place a call to the county board of elections to confirm your registration. The board of elections can determine whether you are registered and in the correct precinct. If you are registered but you are in the wrong precinct, you will be directed to the correct precinct.

If the board of elections cannot find your name in its voter registration database, or if you are unable to go to another precinct, you are entitled to use a provisional ballot. Voting in the wrong precinct but in the correct county may result in your ballot being only partially counted. Voting in the wrong county will lead to your ballot being rejected in full. You must be careful to follow the instructions when filling out the provisional ballot envelope. Voting by regular ballot is preferred to ensure that every vote is counted, and voting by provisional ballot should be the last resort. You can find out if your provisional ballot was counted by visiting [pavoterservices.state.pa.us](http://pavoterservices.state.pa.us) or by calling toll-free at **1-877-868-3772**.

# 4. WHEN 50% OR MORE OF THE VOTING MACHINES ARE NOT WORKING IN YOUR POLLING PLACE, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE BY EMERGENCY PAPER BALLOT.

If 50% or more of the voting machines in your polling place are out of service, voters are entitled to vote by emergency paper ballot. Poll workers should immediately offer the ballots, but if they do not, voters should request one instead of leaving without voting.

The paper ballots used as emergency ballots must be clearly identified and placed in the envelope marked "emergency ballot" and not in the provisional ballot envelope. The procedures for provisional ballots do not need to be followed because emergency ballots are the same as voting on the machine.

Voters who usually vote on paper ballots that are optically scanned will always have the ability to fill out a ballot even if the scanner is not working. Those ballots will be inserted into a special slot in the scanner for scanning and counting later.