Pocket Guide for Voters

**Commonwealth of Virginia
May 2018**

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VIRGINIA IS FOR VOTERS

Ways to vote

At the polls on Election Day

Polls are open on Election Day **May 1st, from 6am until 7pm**

Look up your polling place:

- On the web: vote.virginia.gov
- Call the Virginia Department of Elections at (800) 552-9745

In person before Election Day

You may qualify to vote absentee, in person, at your voter registration office, before Election Day. Learn more at vote.virginia.gov. **March 16th until April 28th**

By mail before Election Day

You may qualify to get an absentee ballot by mail before Election Day. Request one online at vote.virginia.gov by **5pm, April 24th.**

Your absentee ballot must be received by **7pm on Election Day.**

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Bring your photo ID

You need to show your photo ID whenever you vote in person.

If you get to your polling place without photo ID, you will have to vote a provisional ballot.

Acceptable forms of identification

- Virginia driver's license
- Virginia DMV-issued photo ID
- United States passport
- Employer-issued photo ID
- Virginia Voter Photo ID card
- Other U.S. or Virginia government-issued photo ID
- Student photo ID issued by a school, college, or university located in Virginia
- Tribal enrollment or other tribal photo ID

If you don't have one of these, you can get a **free** Voter Photo ID at any Virginia voter registration office, including on Election Day!

Deadlines

April 9th:
Last day to register to vote *or* update your address for this election.

If you move, your polling place will change. Be sure to update your voter registration address every time you move.

April 24th by 5pm:
Request that an absentee ballot be mailed to you.

April 28th:
Vote an absentee ballot, in person, at your local voter registration office.
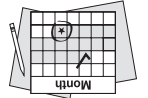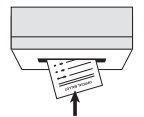
May 1st:
Election Day — polls open 6am to 7pm.

? Find out more at **vote.virginia.gov** or **(800) 552-9745** or **TTY 711.**

What to expect at the polls

When you arrive, Election Officers will be there to help you.

Check in:
Say or write your name and address. Show your acceptable photo ID.

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Get your ballot.

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Check your ballot.
Does it include all contests for your district?

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Go to the voting booth and vote your ballot.

If you are not on the voter list or if you didn't bring a photo ID, an election officer will direct you to vote a provisional ballot.

How to mark a ballot

To vote on a paper ballot:

Make your selection by filling in the oval next to your choice(s).

When you're done, scan your ballot.

Accessible voting

Before Election Day

Voters with a disability or illness can vote with an absentee ballot by mail, in person, or curbside before Election Day. Go to vote.virginia.gov to learn more and request your absentee ballot.

On Election Day

There are accessible voting systems at each polling place.

If you are 65 or older, or you have a physical disability, you can vote from your vehicle at the polling place on Election Day. Remember to bring a helper with you who can go in to request your curbside assistance.
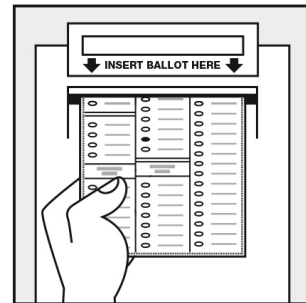
Get help reading or writing from an election officer or your own helper.

Voter rights

You cannot be denied the right to vote if you are legally qualified to do so.

You have the right to:

- Vote if you have been registered at your current address at least 22 days before Election Day.

- Ask any election officer for help.

- Be shown how to mark and cast your ballot.

- Ask for a new ballot if you want to change your vote before you cast it.

- Vote a provisional ballot if you have no photo ID with you or your name doesn't appear on the voter list and you believe it should.

- Bring your small child into the voting booth.

- Vote if you are in line by 7pm when the polls close.