

NORTH CAROLINA VOTER'S BILL OF RIGHTS

YOU Have the Right to VOTE — KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!

The rights below are guaranteed to properly registered voters in North Carolina. The letters and numbers after each of your rights is the code that tells lawyers and poll workers where to find that statute that protects your right to vote in N.C.

Exercise your right to vote on November 2, 2004!

1. On Election Day, each polling place opens at 6:30am and closes at 7:30pm. **If you are in line or in the process of voting when the polls close at 7:30pm, you have the right to vote.** To be eligible to vote, **you must register to vote 25 days before the date of the election** (NCGS 163-166.01, NCGS 163-82.6c). **To vote on November 2, you must register by Friday October 8.**
2. **Under a new federal law, first-time voters who register to vote by mail and do not send in an ID, and first-time voters who register through a voter registration drive, will be asked to show identification to a poll worker.** Identification may either be a current and valid photo ID, or a document that shows the current name and address of the voter. All others have the right to vote without showing their voter registration card to a poll worker (NCGS 163-166.12).
3. **You have the right to vote a PROVISIONAL BALLOT.** You also have the right to find out whether the provisional ballot was counted, and if not, the reason the vote was not counted. You can vote a provisional ballot if you claim you are registered to vote in that polling place, but your name does not appear on the official list of registered voters and you sign a statement affirming your eligibility to vote (GS 163-166.11).
4. **If you have moved and have lived in your new location more than 30 days, you have the right to vote in your new precinct or at a central location.** If you have moved, but have lived in your new location less than 30 days, you must vote in your old precinct. If you have moved within your precinct, you have the right to update your information and the polls and vote (NCGS 163-82.15).
5. **If your name has changed since you registered to vote, you have the right to vote,** even if you have not reported your name change to election officials (NCGS 163-82.16).
6. **If you make a mistake or "spoil" your ballot before casting your final vote, you have the right to receive up to 3 replacement ballots** (NCAC Title 8 Chapter 10B.0104b).
7. **You have the right to have the assistance of an immediate family member** in the voting booth (NCGS 163-166.8).
8. **If you cannot read or write, or are blind or otherwise disabled, you have the right to request special assistance to help you vote.** If you live in a community with a **greater than 6% Latino/Hispanic population, you have the right to receive ballot instructions in Spanish** (NCGS 163-166.8(2), 163-165.5a).
9. **You have the right to vote at the curbside of your polling place if you are physically disabled and unable to enter the polling place** (NCGS 163-166.9).
10. **You have the right to vote without being intimidated or forced to vote for someone you do not wish to vote for.** In elections for federal office, attempts to coerce your vote may carry federal criminal penalties (NCGS 163-271).
11. **If you are an ex-felon who has completed all terms of your sentence and have had your citizenship rights restored, you have the right to re-register and vote** (NCGS 13-1).

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO BRING THIS VOTER'S BILL OF RIGHTS INTO THE VOTING BOOTH WITH YOU!

If you encounter problems at your polling place on Election Day, November 2nd call: 1-866-OUR-VOTE

If you have any questions about this information or feel that your voting rights have been violated, contact Tara Purohit at the Southern Voting Rights Project: (919) 419-8311 ext. 25 or tara@southernstudies.org



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