



What you need to know to protect your vote on Election Day

1. Bring ID

Ohio requires voters to provide ID. Acceptable forms include:

- Photo ID with name and address - such as a driver's license, state ID, government ID, or military ID (address not required). It must be current and valid (one that has not expired). A drivers license with an old address is acceptable.
- A copy of a current utility bill (including cell phone bill), bank statement, paycheck, government check, or other government document that shows the voter's name and current address (including from a public college or university).
- If you do not have one of these forms of ID, you can provide the last four digits of your Social Security number and cast a provisional ballot.

A notice from the Board of Elections about your registration or polling location does not count as a form of ID.

Save yourself trouble by making sure the name and address on your ID matches your registration. You can check your voter registration information here:

<http://www.sos.state.oh.us/SOS/voterquery.aspx?page=361>

2. Do not leave without voting.

If you have recently moved, make sure you go to the correct polling place for your new precinct. Ask the poll worker to confirm you are in the right precinct or to direct you to the correct precinct. Once you confirm you are in the right location, ask the poll worker for a change of address form. After you fill out the change of address form and swear you reside at the new address, you are allowed to vote a provisional ballot.

If the poll worker says you are not listed in the poll book. First, confirm that you are in the proper precinct for your address. If so, then ask the poll worker to look for your name again – in case, for example, the board of elections spelled your name wrong. If they still cannot find your name in the poll book, ask for a provisional ballot.

If you are challenged by an in-precinct election judge, provide the election judge with answers to his or her questions so that you can vote a regular ballot. If the judge refuses to give you a regular ballot, ask for a provisional ballot.

If for any reason a poll worker denies you a regular ballot, try to resolve the problem by talking – firmly but politely – with the poll worker or their supervisor. If they still refuse to give you a regular ballot, ask for a provisional ballot. Do not leave without voting.

3. What to do if you voted a provisional ballot to make sure that it is counted.

People vote provisional ballots for a variety of reasons. Some voters will need to provide the Board of Elections with additional information in order for their ballot to be counted – such as people who have been challenged or did not provide ID.

A recent court order and Secretary of State directive now require that the board of elections contact any voter that must provide additional information for their provisional ballot to count. (Directive 2008-101 issued pursuant to settlement in *NEOCH v. Brunner*, Case No. 2:06-0896, U.S. Dist. Ct. Southern Dist. of Ohio)

If you have any questions about what information, if any, they need to process your provisional ballot, you should call your local board of elections.

Provisional voters should provide this additional information as soon as possible after Election Day, but no later than the November 14th deadline, in order to make sure their vote counts.

4. What to do if you have problems voting on Election Day.

Report the problem! You should report problems to:

- Your local board of elections -- look up their contact information here: <http://www.sos.state.oh.us/SOS/elections/boeDirectory.aspx>
- The Secretary of State -- voter feedback form: <http://www2.sos.state.oh.us/pls/voter/f?p=104:1:3479089549909710> or call toll-free: 1-877-VOTE-VRI (1-877-868-3874).
- The ACLU of Ohio -- report problems online here: <http://www.acluohio.org/issues/VotingRights/2008ElectionProblems.asp> or by calling (216) 472-2200.

Read more about how to protect your voting rights at www.acluohio.org/vote

