

Problems at the polls?

- **Q: What if I'm not on the list?**
- **A:** Ask the poll worker to double check. If you are certain you're registered to vote, and in the right location, you may cast your vote via provisional ballot.
- **Provisional ballots are:**
 - Used to record a vote when there are questions about a given voter's eligibility.
 - When you cast a provisional ballot, you will be sent a notice within 13 days whether your ballot was counted or not. If it was not, you will be told why.
- **Q: What if I make a mistake on the ballot?**
- **A:** It happens. You can request a new ballot from the poll worker.

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QUICK TIPS

- Check your voter registration at least 30 days before the election.
- Locate your polling place and note the hours of operation.
- Consider voting early or absentee if possible. If you plan to vote at the polls, go in early in the day to avoid a last-minute rush.
- Read all instructions carefully.
- Ask for help if you need it.
- Take your time.

Where to register to vote

- County auditor's office
- Driver's license station
- City finance office
- Public assistance agencies providing food stamps, TANF, or WIC
- Department of human services offices
- Military recruitment offices

More information

- **South Dakota Secretary of State**
www.sdsos.gov/elections
(605) 773 - 3537
- **Election Protection**
(866) 687 - 8683
- **U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division, Voting Section**
(800) 253 - 3931

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GENERAL VOTING INFORMATION FOR ALL SOUTH DAKOTANS:

- **Age requirement:** You must be 18 years old and a resident of South Dakota to cast your ballot.
- **Students voting:** You can register at your school address or your home address, whichever you consider your primary residence.
- **Voting with a criminal record :**
 - You must re-register to vote after serving your sentence.
- **You can vote if:**
 - You have been sentenced only to pay a fine, fee, or restitution.
 - You have been charged with a crime but not convicted.
 - You have received a suspended imposition of a sentence or have been sentenced to only pay a fine, fee, or restitution.
- **You cannot vote if:**
 - You were convicted of a felony and are currently serving a sentence of imprisonment, including parole and probation.
 - Find more information at: sdsos.gov
- **Voting when homeless:** You don't need a home to register, but you do have to identify a place of residence (which can be a street corner, a park, a shelter, or any other place where you usually stay). You must also provide a mailing address, such as a shelter or advocacy organization.
- **Voting with a disability:**
 - Call your county auditor right away and ask for accommodation or reassignment to an accessible polling place. All polling places are required to be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.
 - If you feel you cannot vote on the day of election, fill out an absentee ballot application and mail it to your county election official as soon as possible.
 - **If you need help at the voting booth:** If you need help because of a physical disability or because you have difficulty reading or writing in English, tell a poll worker when you get to the polling place. If you need instructions on how to use

the voting equipment, ask a poll worker for help. They are *required* to help you anytime, even if you ask after entering the voting booth.

- **Moving and name changes:** You should update your registration every time you move or change your name.
 - If you moved before Oct. 22, 2018 and didn't re-register you will be unable to vote in the Nov. 6, 2018 election unless you moved within the same county or voting precinct.
 - If you moved after Oct. 22, 2018, call the secretary of state's office or your county auditor as soon as possible to find out where to vote.

Registering to vote

- **How to register:** Paper registration at your county auditor's office, city finance office, military recruitment offices or find printable versions at: sdsos.gov
- **Registration deadlines:** You must be registered to vote 15 days prior to an election. The 2018 deadline is Oct. 22.
- **Miss the deadline?** If you miss the Oct. 22 deadline you will be unable to vote, but you can register for future elections.
- **Confirming voter registration:** Confirm voter registration by visiting: sdsos.gov

Early voting

- **Voting before Election Day:** Any registered voter can vote before Election Day by casting an absentee ballot. Absentee voting begins Sept. 21, 2018.
- **Finding absentee ballots:** You may request an absentee ballot from your county election official who will send a paper ballot to you. Complete the ballot as soon as possible, and return no later than 5 p.m. the day before the election.

Voting on Election Day

- **Election Day 2018:** Nov. 6, 2018, with polls opening at 7 a.m. and closing at 7 p.m.
- **If you are running late:** You have the right to vote if you're in line or inside your polling place when the polls close.
- **Getting time off:** If your work schedule would make it practically impossible for you to vote in-person while the polls are open, your employer is required to give you time off to vote without penalty or deduction in your wages. You should ask your employer for time off before Election Day. Your employer has the right to specify which hours you get to take.
- **Polling location:** On Election Day you must vote at your assigned polling place, which can be found at: sdsos.gov

Voter I.D. laws

- **Identification:** All voters who appear at polling places must show proof of identification. **Acceptable forms of I.D. Include:**
 - South Dakota driver's license or photo I.D.
 - U.S. Armed Forces I.D.
 - U.S. government photo I.D.
 - Current student photo I.D.
 - Tribal photo I.D.
- **Voting without identification:** If you are voting without I.D., you can sign a personal identification affidavit and you will be allowed to vote using a regular ballot.

VOTE LIKE YOUR RIGHTS DEPEND ON IT.