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.

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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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.

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 your 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.

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