

## 10 THINGS EVERY VIRGINIA VOTER SHOULD KNOW IN 2022

### 1. YOU HAVE OPTIONS WHEN IT COMES TO VOTING

- In-person voting will be available on Election Day (see #2 below) and for 45 days of early voting (see #3 below).
- Voting absentee by mail: you can return your ballot by mail or at a secure drop box.
- To use any of these options, make sure you are registered to vote (see #5 below for details).

### 2. YOU CAN VOTE IN PERSON ON ELECTION DAY, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022

- Polls will be open from 6am to 7pm on Election Day, which is Tuesday, November 8, 2022.
- You can find your polling place online here: <https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/>.
- You have the right to cast a ballot as long as you are standing in line by 7pm.

### 3. YOU CAN ALSO VOTE EARLY IN PERSON STARTING FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2022

- You do NOT need any excuse to vote early in person. You can vote early for any reason.
- You can vote early at your registrar's office from Friday, September 23, 2022 to Saturday, November 5, 2022.
  - Early voting will be available during regular business hours from Monday through Friday.
  - Saturday voting must be offered for at least 8 hours between 8:00am and 5:00pm on Saturday, October 29, 2022, and Saturday, November 5, 2022—but your county or city may offer more!
  - Sunday voting may also be available in your city or county.
  - There may be additional early voting (or “satellite”) locations in your county or city.
- Check the website of your county or city's registrar to confirm the location and hours for early voting sites.

### 4. VOTING ABSENTEE BY MAIL IS A SAFE, SECURE, AND SIMPLE PROCESS

- You do NOT need any excuse to vote absentee. You can request to vote absentee by mail for any reason here: <https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/>.
- Be careful to follow the instructions included with your absentee ballot envelope—it will save you time if there are no mistakes.
- Request and return your ballot early!
  - The deadline to request to vote absentee by mail is 5pm on Friday, October 28, 2022.
  - You must drop off or mail your voted ballot by 7pm on Election Day, Tuesday, November 8, 2022.
    - If mailed, the registrar must receive your ballot by noon on Monday, November 14, 2022; and it must be postmarked by Election Day, Tuesday, November 8, 2022.
  - If you experience an emergency—hospitalization, illness, or the death of a close family member—you may apply for an emergency absentee ballot any time before 2pm on Monday, November 7, 2022.
- You can return your voted ballot 5 different ways:
  - By mail to your local registrar—the state has prepaid your postage.
  - In person at your local registrar's office.
  - In person at a drop-off location (also known as a drop box).
  - In person at any polling place in your locality on Election Day.
  - By commercial carrier (UPS, FedEx, etc.).
- Your election officials will contact you if there is a problem with your absentee envelope. You can correct this error until 12 noon on Monday, November 14, 2022.
- You can track your absentee ballot here: <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/absentee-voting/>.
- Check the website of your county or city's registrar to confirm the location and hours for drop-off locations.

### 5. CHECK YOUR REGISTRATION TODAY

- For the November general election, the voter registration deadline is Monday, October 17, 2022.
- If you miss the voter registration deadline, same-day voter registration is available—but you will need to cast a provisional ballot at your polling place instead of a regular ballot.
- Not sure if you're registered? Check your record here: <https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/>.
- If you moved to a new home since your last time voting, make sure your voter registration is updated with your new address BEFORE the deadline.

### 6. YOU NEED A VALID ID TO VOTE

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- If you choose to vote in person, poll workers will ask you for identification. You can present any of these IDs:
  - Virginia DMV-issued driver’s license or ID card
  - Valid U.S. passport
  - Any ID card issued by the federal government or any agency of Virginia state or local government.
  - U.S. military ID
  - A tribal ID issued by a recognized Virginia tribe
  - Any photo ID card issued by a US university or community college
  - Valid student ID issued by a public or private school in Virginia
  - Employer-issued photo ID card
  - Voter confirmation documents you received after you registered to vote
  - Any current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document with your name and address
- If you do not have one of the IDs above, you can sign and submit an ID Confirmation Statement in order to vote a regular ballot. If you do not sign an ID Confirmation Statement, you will be required to vote a provisional ballot.
- Your ID must be genuine and not expired for more than 12 months, with one exception:
  - The expiration date of your driver’s license does not matter for determining its validity.

## 7. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO ASSISTANCE AT YOUR POLLING PLACE

- You have the right to obtain assistance to vote due to physical disability, limited English proficiency, or inability to read or write from someone of your choice (except your employer or a union representative).
- If you are disabled or at least 65 years old, you may request to vote curbside. A poll worker will bring you a ballot outside the polling place, but within 150 feet of the polling place, which you can fill out and return to them.

## 8. VOTER INTIMIDATION IS AGAINST THE LAW

- Voter intimidation is illegal. It includes:
  - Behavior that threatens, harasses, or hinders voters.
  - “Noisy or riotous” behavior around the polling place.
  - Attempts to bribe, coerce, or otherwise illegally influence voters.
- No one can loiter or solicit votes within 40 feet of the polling place’s entrance.
- No one can possess a firearm within 40 feet of the polling place’s entrance or in any part of the building.
- No one can use a loudspeaker within 300 feet of a polling place on Election Day.
- If you witness voter intimidation at your polling place, report it!
  - Tell a poll worker at your polling place or your local registrar.
  - Call Virginia Department of Elections: 800-552-9745, [info@elections.virginia.gov](mailto:info@elections.virginia.gov), and/or <http://elections.virginia.gov/voter-complaints>.
  - Call the Election Protection hotline: 1-866-OUR-VOTE, 1-888-VE-Y-VOTA (Spanish), 1-844-YALLA-US (Arabic), or 1-888-API-VOTE (Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, Bengali, Hindi, Urdu, and Tagalog).

## 9. KNOW YOUR RIGHTS IF YOU ARE CHALLENGED

- Any qualified voter can challenge your qualifications to vote (such as being 18 years of age, a U.S. citizen, etc.).
- The challenge must be in writing, identify the reasons for the challenge, and be signed by the challenger.
- If you are challenged, election officials can ask you questions about your qualifications to vote and can seek sworn testimony from witnesses about your qualifications to vote.
  - If your eligibility to vote is challenged on the basis that you are at the wrong polling place, ask a poll worker to identify your correct precinct and direct you to the appropriate polling place.
- If you are sure that you are qualified and sign a sworn statement affirming your qualifications to vote, you **must be allowed to vote using a regular ballot**.
- The only time you would cast a provisional ballot is if the pollbook indicates you already voted in person.

## 10. VOTE A PROVISIONAL BALLOT ONLY AS A LAST RESORT

- You have a right to vote a provisional ballot if you believe that you are a registered voter in Virginia. To make your provisional ballot count, follow the provisional ballot instructions about how to provide written proof of your eligibility to your local registrar’s office before 12 noon on Monday, November 14, 2022.