

### **How do I verify that I am registered to vote?**

<https://www.pavoterservices.state.pa.us/Pages/VoterRegistrationStatus.aspx>

### **How do I locate my correct polling place?**

<https://www.pavoterservices.state.pa.us/Pages/PollingPlaceInfo.aspx>

### **Will I be required to show ID to vote?**

#### **ONLY FIRST-TIME VOTERS,**

<http://www.votespa.com/portal/server.pt?open=514&objID=1174125&mode=2>

### **Can I get assistance in the voting booth if I need it?**

Voters with disabilities have the right to receive assistance in the voting booth from the person of their choice. The person providing assistance can be almost anyone – a friend, a family member, or even a poll worker. However, the assistant cannot be: (1) the voter's employer; (2) the voter's union representative; or (3) the Judge of Elections.

### **What if I find my polling place is not accessible on Election Day? How can I vote?**

<http://www.votespa.com/portal/server.pt?open=514&objID=1174089&parentname=ObjMgr&parentid=194&mode=2>

### **What if you can't get to your County Elections Office on Election Day?**

If you are unable to travel to the County Elections Office on Election Day, you can get a friend or relative to act as your agent to travel back and forth to the County Elections Office.

You will need to prepare three forms which are links provided here in Word and/or pdf: (1) the [Emergency Application for Alternative Ballot in Word](#) and the [Emergency Application for Alternative Ballot in pdf](#); (2) the [Designated Agent Form in Word](#) and the [Designated Agent Form in pdf](#); and (3) the [Certification of Designated Agent Form in Word](#) and the [Certification of Designated Agent Form in pdf](#).

### **What if the poll worker doesn't find my name in the book when I go to vote?**

If the poll worker cannot find your name on the list of registered voters, ask them to look at the list of "inactive voters." Voters who have not voted for a few elections, or who did not receive or respond to official election mailings have been placed on a list of "inactive voters". The act of voting will be sufficient to transfer your name from the "inactive" to the "active" list. If your name cannot be found on either list, and if you are sure you are at the correct polling place – ask for a provisional ballot. Federal law requires that you be provided with a provisional ballot in such a case. **Do not leave the polls without casting a vote!**

### **What if my right to vote is challenged on Election Day? What if someone says I'm not competent to vote?**

In Pennsylvania, we have only three qualifications for a person to register and to vote. The individual must be:

1. A citizen of the United States for at least one month before the election;
2. A resident of Pennsylvania and the election district for at least 30 days before the election; and,
3. At least 18 years of age on or before the day of the election.

Pennsylvania law does not restrict the right to vote of people who happen to have developmental, mental health, or physical disabilities. In rare instances, Courts issue orders depriving people of the right to vote. But so far, "electors" in Pennsylvania cannot be challenged on competence, ability or worthiness to vote.

Persons convicted of felonies (or any other crime) are eligible to vote! Only individuals **currently incarcerated** in **penal institutions** for felony convictions are denied the right to vote.

### **Procedures for an Emergency Application for Absentee Ballot**

The Pennsylvania Legislature created procedures for voters to vote by absentee ballot when circumstances prevented the voter from applying by the regular deadline of one week prior to Election

Day. If you become physically disabled or ill between 5:00 P.M. on the Friday before Election Day and 8:00 P.M. on Election Day or if you find out after 5:00 P.M. on the Friday before Election Day that you will be absent from your municipality of residence on Election Day because of your business, duties or occupation, you can receive an emergency absentee ballot if you complete and file with the [court of common pleas](#) in the county where you are registered to vote. An emergency application or a letter or other signed document includes the same information as that provided on the emergency application.

**Obtaining an Emergency Absentee Ballot If You Are Not Able to Appear in Court**

If you are not able to appear in court to receive the ballot, you can designate, in writing, a representative to deliver the absentee ballot to you and return your completed absentee ballot to the county Board of Elections.

If you are not able to appear in court or obtain assistance from an authorized representative, the judge will direct a deputy sheriff of the county to deliver the absentee ballot to you if you are at a physical location within the county.

You will need to prepare three forms which are provided here as links in Word and/or pdf:

1.

[Emergency Absentee Application-After 5 on Friday in pdf](#)

2.

[Designation of Authorized Representative – Emergency Absentee Ballot in Word;](#)

[Designation of Authorized Representative – Emergency Absentee Ballot in pdf](#)

3.

[Certification of Authorized Representative – Emergency Absentee Ballot in Word;](#) [Certification of Authorized Representative – Emergency Absentee Ballot in pdf.](#)

**Who can I call on Election Day if I'm prevented from exercising my right to vote?**

Call the Election Protection hotline at **1-866-OURVOTE (1-866-687-8683)**