

SPECIAL FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

You may register to vote in the county where you reside while attending college, or at your prior address. If you register at your prior address, be aware of absentee ballot regulations and procedures.

You must use a street address. Ask for dorm address at your college registration office.

To vote in elections in 2013 and beyond, you can use your student ID to register but not for voting.

Go to www.scvotes.org to download a voter registration form to mail in, to register on-line, or to change your voting address.

SPECIAL FOR EX-OFFENDERS

South Carolina residents who have completely served their sentences, including probation or parole, CAN register to vote.

To register, the applicant must submit a new voter registration application to his or her county voter registration office. Go to www.scvotes.org for information.



The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

NON-PARTISAN VOTER INFORMATION

VOTE411.org—LWVUS election information website

LWVSC.org/votesc.html—LWVSC website with information and tools for South Carolina voters

SCVotes.org—S.C. State Election Commission website

866OurVote.org, or 1-866-OURVOTE—Election Protection hotline for questions about voting

For additional help, contact LWVSC at 803-251-2726 or League@lwvsc.org.



SAVE ALL VOTES

LWVSC VOTER CAMPAIGN

Register & Vote!

Your Future Depends on It.

IDENTIFICATION NEEDED TO VOTE IN SOUTH CAROLINA

BEGINNING IN 2013, PHOTO ID

Beginning in 2013, the new law requires that in-person voters show one of the following forms of ID, which cannot be expired: a passport, military ID card, a driver's license or photo ID card issued by the S.C. DMV, or a photo voter registration card obtained from the voter's county election office.

However, South Carolina's new law allows voters who do not have one of these forms of ID to vote in person! Voters with the non-photo voter registration card used prior to 2013 can still use that to vote. They must sign an affidavit at the polling place and state the reason that they have not obtained a photo ID. Act R54's "reasonable impediment" provision allows a broad interpretation of acceptable reasons for not having a photo ID (for example, I was working; I am unemployed and looking for work; I didn't have transportation or money to get to the county office; I was taking care of my family). Election officials must accept a voter's reasonable impediment unless there is evidence that it is false.

Please Note:

If you registered to vote by mail, are voting for the first time, and did not submit proof of identity with your registration application, you'll need to show additional ID to vote. This ID may include a driver's license, current utility bill, paycheck, or bank statement that shows your name and address in the county where you are registered to vote.

HOW TO OBTAIN A FREE S. C. VOTER PHOTO IDENTIFICATION CARD

FROM THE COUNTY VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS OFFICE:

A voter may obtain a free photo voter registration card by presenting a current non-photo voter registration card at his or her county Voter Registration Office. Alternatively, a citizen who is already registered may verbally confirm his or her date of birth and the last four digits of his or her Social Security number, or present any photo ID, utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other government document that shows his or her name and address.

This card will not expire, and may be used as long as the photo is recognizable.

FROM THE SC DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES:

A citizen obtaining a free photo ID through the S.C. DMV must present a certified birth certificate and social security card to any DMV branch. Additional documents may be required. A photo ID obtained through the DMV must be renewed every 10 years.

Go to www.scdmvonline.com or call 803-896-5000 for details.

VOTING ON ELECTION DAY

Polling places are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day. Anyone in line at 7 p.m. will be allowed to vote. A voter's polling place and districts are found on the blue voter registration card or at www.scvotes.org.

ABSENTEE VOTING

Many citizens can vote absentee, which does not require photo ID. There are 11 acceptable reasons for voting absentee, in person at a voter's county election office, or by mail. See www.scvotes.org for further information on this option. The basic process is as follows:

- Request an absentee ballot application from your County Voter Registration Office. Make the request in person, by phone, mail, email, or fax, any time during the year of the election.
- Return the completed application to your county voter registration office as quickly as possible, and no later than 5:00 PM on the 4th day prior to the election. You may return the application by mail, email, or fax.
- You will be mailed an absentee ballot.
- When you receive the ballot, mark it as you want to vote. Follow instructions on the

ballot exactly. Anyone who knows you may sign as the witness.

- Return the ballot to your county voter registration office, in person or by mail. The ballot must be received at the county voter registration office by 7 P.M. on the day of the election.
- Use the correct address for your county voter registration office and include your name and address as written on your voter registration card.
- Don't delay applying for your absentee ballot. Apply several weeks or even months ahead of time!

HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN SC

If you are a U.S. citizen, a permanent resident of your county, and 18 years of age on or by Election Day, you may register, at least 30 days before Election Day:

In person: Visit your County Voter Registration Office to complete forms and provide identification. Contact information is in the Blue Pages of the phone book and at www.scvotes.org.

On-line: Register on-line at www.scvotes.org. However, on-line voter registration requires that you have an SC DMV-issued drivers license or DMV photo ID card. If you have moved, you must first update your address with DMV (www.scdmvonline.com/dmvpublic/trans/AddrChange.aspx).

By Mail: Call your County Voter Registration Office for a form, or download a form from www.scvotes.org and submit by mail.

At a DMV, Department of Social Services, as well as other public assistance and disability agency branch offices: Complete the voter registration application and show proper ID.

Your S.C. Voter Registration Card without photo will be mailed to you. The card will state where you are assigned to vote. Once Voter Photo ID is available through your county election office, you can go there to exchange the non-photo card for a photo ID.