

★ Vermont Voter's Rights ★

You have the right to vote

- If you are a U.S. citizen, a Vermont resident, are at least 18 years old, have registered to vote, and have taken the Voter's Oath.
- If you are homeless, or have a guardian, or have been convicted of a felony, or are incarcerated, are in the military, and a U.S citizen residing overseas
- If you need assistance reading or filling out your ballot.
- To register you will need a valid photo ID including (driver's license, passport or government issued photo identification) or a current utility bill or bank statement.
- Most registered voters who have previously voted in Vermont are not required to show ID at the polls.

You can use the SOS Vermont Voter Portal online at <https://vote.vermont.gov>

- To register to vote, take the Voter's Oath, and check your registration status.
- To request an absentee ballot (vote by mail) and check your ballot status.
- To find out where your polling place is located.
- To view a sample ballot for upcoming elections.
- To track your mail-in ballot and to verify it was received.
- With assistive technology, high contrast text, or large font options.

You can vote early or vote from home

- You can ask for a sample ballot or an official ballot at the town clerk's office to vote early. You can do this up to 45 days before General Elections and 20 days before Municipal Elections (in towns that use paper ballots).
- You can call your town clerk to ask for an absentee ballot to be mailed to you, or you can send a request form to the town clerk. Once you get your absentee ballot, fill it out and send it back so the town clerk receives it by the day before the election. Or, you can drop it off at your polling place on Election Day.
- If you are unable to vote in person due to illness or a physical disability, you can call your town clerk to ask for an early absentee ballot to be delivered to you.

You have a right to assistance

- You can ask the town clerk for any help or accommodations you may need to vote, as long as you do so in enough time before Election Day.
- If you're sick or have a disability, you can ask election officials to bring a ballot to your car at the polling place on Election Day.
- You can bring someone you trust (but not your employer or union representative) into the voting booth to help you vote.
- If you need help filling out your ballot, you can ask an election official for assistance.
- You can bring a magnifying glass or other tools to help you vote.
- You can bring a list of candidates into the voting booth to help you remember who to vote for, but make sure to take it with you when you're done voting.

Vermont's Accessible Voting System

- In 2018, the VT Secretary of State's Office introduced a new voting system that helps people with disabilities vote more privately and independently. It's a tablet-based system that marks your choices on the same paper ballots used by everyone at the polls.
- At the polling place, you can choose from three options to use the system: a touchpad, a keypad with braille, or a paddle system. All options include audio through headphones to help guide you. When you check in at the polling place on Election Day, you can ask to use the accessible system, and an official will help you through the process.
- There's also an online option for early voting that lets you mark your ballot from anywhere with a computer and printer. You can then return your printed ballot to the town clerk's office by mail, in person before Election Day, or at your polling place on Election Day.

You can get a new ballot if you make a mistake

- If you give your incorrectly marked ballot to an election official you can get a new ballot to vote. You may receive up to three ballots (only one will count).

You can vote for the person you want

- You can write in the name of someone else if you don't like the choices on your ballot.
- You can leave some choices blank, and the ones you do mark will still count.
- No one is allowed to see how you voted or ask you how you voted.

You have the right to:

- Use a voting system in all Federal Elections that lets you vote privately and independently if you have a disability.
- Ask questions. Election officials are there to help you understand how to vote, but they can't tell you who to vote for.
- File a complaint if you feel your voting rights have been denied.
- Bring an interpreter you trust (not your employer or union representative) if English is not your primary language
- Access translated materials or bilingual poll workers where available
- Contact your town clerk before Election Day to request language assistance
- Access public information about election results and turnout through the Secretary of State's website



For more voting information or assistance please call:
Vermont Secretary of State's Office
at **1-800-439-VOTE (8683)** or
Disability Rights Vermont at 1-800-834-7890



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