



THE LOUISIANA VOTING RIGHTS NETWORK* presents

KNOW YOUR VOTING RIGHTS

Tuesday, November 4, 2008 Election

WHERE DO I GO TO VOTE?

Your polling place location may have changed. Call your Registrar or 866-OUR-VOTE to find out where to go.

WHEN DO THE POLLS OPEN AND CLOSE?

The polls open at 6:00 am and close at 8:00 pm. The polls should be open continuously during this time period. If you are standing in line by 8:00 pm, you must be allowed to vote.

DO I NEED TO BRING AN ID?

Election officials will ask you for identification. But you have the right to vote even without presenting qualifying photo ID. Voters with no photo ID must be allowed to vote after signing a Voter Identification Affidavit. On the affidavit, you will be asked to provide information that can be used to verify your identity, such as your date of birth, mother's maiden name or other personal information that you provided at the time you registered to vote.

WHAT IF THEY SAY MY NAME IS NOT ON THE LIST?

Ask the poll worker to check the "supplemental list" and to call the Registrar of Voters to verify your registration and confirm your polling place. But even if they can't find you on the list, you have the right to ask for a **PROVISIONAL BALLOT** to vote for the federal races on the ballot (President, U.S. Senate, House of Representatives) if you declare that you are an eligible voter. You also have the right to call the Registrar's office seven days after the election to verify whether your ballot was counted.

WHAT IF THEY TELL ME I'M AN "INACTIVE" VOTER?

You have the right to vote if your name appears on the "inactive list" if you still live at the same address or in the same parish listed on your voter registration form. You must complete and sign an Address Confirmation Card that confirms your present address. If you established residency outside of the parish more than 3 months prior to the election, you must register and vote at your new address.

CAN I VOTE IF I AM STILL DISPLACED BY THE HURRICANES?

YES! If you are still registered in the parish and have not registered to vote in another parish or state.

WHAT IF THEY CHALLENGE MY RIGHT TO VOTE?

If anyone challenges your right to vote, ask to speak to the Commissioner-in-Charge or call 866-OUR-VOTE. Find out why you are being challenged and provide information to the commissioners to support your eligibility. At minimum, you can also request a **PROVISIONAL BALLOT**. Never leave the polling place without either casting a ballot or getting a written explanation of why you were not allowed to vote.

CAN I GET ASSISTANCE AT THE POLLS?

Voters who cannot read, are blind, or have another physical disability may need help casting their ballot. If you did not indicate your need to the Registrar at the time you registered to vote, you can receive assistance if you present a state-issued mobility impaired identification card on Election Day or provide a physician's or optometrist's certificate that verifies your disability and explains your need for assistance. Also, those voters who are visibly disabled can proceed to the front of the line. (Note that anyone can bring a child, aged 12 or younger into the voting booth.)

WHAT IF I ALREADY REQUESTED AN ABSENTEE BALLOT?

You cannot be denied the right to vote for merely requesting an absentee ballot. The poll worker should know if your completed absentee ballot has been received by the Registrar's Office. If it has not been received, you must be allowed to vote in person.

CAN I VOTE IF I HAVE BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY?

If you were convicted of a felony you can vote after you complete all periods of incarceration, probation or parole. In order to have your registration reinstated, you must appear in person at the Registrar's Office and provide documentation from the Department of Corrections showing that you have completed all periods of incarceration, probation or parole.

WHAT IF I AM INTIMIDATED AT THE POLLS?

You have the right not to be intimidated on the basis of your race, national origin or language minority status when seeking to cast your ballot. You also have the right to freely cast your ballot. In Louisiana, all law enforcement activity and electioneering is prohibited within a 600 foot radius of a polling place. Report any intimidating activity to 866-OUR-VOTE.

QUESTIONS? ASK US OR CALL:

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