

## **KNOW YOUR VIRGINIA VOTING RIGHTS**

### **REGISTER TO VOTE**

#### **Already registered?**

- You can check your registration online, or you can call your local registrar or the Department of Elections.
- If you have moved since the last election, you should change your address online. You may have a new polling location.

#### **Register to vote**

- You can register to vote online or by mail as long as your application is postmarked no later than 21 days before the next election. You can also hand deliver your application to any official registration office.
- If you miss the deadline, you can still register to vote in person. You will need to cast a provisional ballot.
- You can register to vote on Election Day in person at your polling place. You will need to cast a provisional ballot.
- A provisional ballot will not be scanned by a vote-counting machine right away like a regular ballot, but it will still be counted as long as a review of your registration shows that you are eligible to vote.

### **VOTE EARLY IN PERSON**

#### **Who can vote early**

Any registered voter in Virginia can vote early in person at their local registrar's office.

#### **What you need**

- You do not need an excuse to vote early, and you don't have to fill out an application.
- You must be registered to vote in Virginia.
- You will be asked to provide your name, address, and an acceptable form of ID. Even if you do not have an acceptable form of ID with you when you vote, you can still vote using a regular ballot if you sign an ID Confirmation Statement. If you do not have ID and do not sign an ID Confirmation Statement, you can only vote with a provisional ballot. If you choose a provisional ballot, your vote will not be counted unless you later provide a copy of acceptable ID to the electoral board, or sign an ID Confirmation Statement.

### **VOTE ABSENTEE**

#### **Who can vote absentee**

- Any registered voter can vote absentee by mail for any reason. If you return your unopened absentee ballot to your local registrar's office, to a satellite voting location, or

to your polling place on or before Election Day, you can vote in person even after you register to vote absentee.

### **What you need**

- You can apply for an absentee ballot online, by mail, or in person. Your application must be received by 5:00 p.m. on the 11<sup>th</sup> day before the election.
- Once you receive an absentee ballot, fill it out completely and accurately. For example, if you fill in an address that is different than your voter registration address, your ballot will not count.
- Once your absentee ballot is complete, mail it to your local registrar. It must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received by noon on the third day after Election Day. You can also choose to hand-deliver your absentee ballot to your local registrar's office any time before the polls close on Election Day.

## **VOTE IN PERSON ON ELECTION DAY**

### **What you need**

- You do not need a photo ID in Virginia, but you do need an approved form of identification in order to vote.
- Your ID must not be expired for more than 12 months. Your ID's gender marker does not need to match your other identity documents. It is not required that your in-person presentation looks similar to a photo on your ID.
- If you forget your ID and you have time, it is usually better to go back and get it.
- If you do not have an acceptable form of ID with you when you vote, you may sign an ID Confirmation Statement swearing to the truth of your identity and cast an ordinary ballot.
- Some common acceptable IDs include:
  - Voter registration card
  - DMV-issued ID, passport, or driver's license
  - Bank statement
  - Utility bill
  - Paycheck
  - Student ID
  - Any government document that shows your name and address

### **Where to go**

- You can find your polling location online. Polls will open at each polling place in Virginia at 6:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

### **Know your rights**

- If you are in line by 7:00 p.m. when the polls close, you have the right to vote.
- If you are wearing campaign apparel, you can still vote. Poll workers cannot prevent you from wearing campaign apparel.
- If your name isn't on the poll book at your voting location as a registered voter, ask the poll worker to contact the local registrar. If the registrar can verify that you are

registered, they must allow you to vote. If the registrar is not available or they can't find your name, ask for a provisional ballot. You have the right to cast a provisional ballot even if your name is not on the voter list. If you believe you may not be properly registered, you also have the right to register at the same time that you vote on Election Day, using a provisional ballot.

- If someone challenges your eligibility to vote, ask for and fill out an Affirmation of Eligibility form, which gives you the right to cast a provisional ballot.
- If you need help using the voting equipment, a poll worker is required to assist you. You can ask for help after entering the voting booth, but you must be allowed to vote privately once you receive help. You also have the right to vote curbside if you need it.
- If you need language assistance or help reading or writing, you have the right to have a poll worker, friend or relative help you in the voting booth.
- If you make a mistake on a paper ballot, do not cast your ballot. Ask for a replacement ballot. You have the right to as many replacement ballots as you need.
- If a ballot-counting machine malfunctions, inform a poll worker and ask them to direct you to a different machine.
- If you want to take a selfie with your ballot, poll workers cannot stop you as long as you do not delay or hinder any other voter.