

## EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE!

**Attention Ohio Voters!** If you have questions or problems voting call: **1-866-OUR-VOTE (1-866-687-8683)**. To make the voting process easier, here are a few things to remember:

1. **When can I vote?** You can vote between 6:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. If you are in line at 7:30 p.m., you have the right to vote.

2. **Am I eligible to vote on May 4?** To vote in the state of Ohio, you must:

- Be a citizen of the United States.
- Be a resident of Ohio.
- Be 18 years of age on the date of the next general election. As a 17-year-old voter who will be 18 years of age on or before the November general election, you may vote on the nominations of candidates but not on “questions” or “issues.” The poll worker will give you a special ballot for 17 year olds.
- Be registered on or before April 5, 2010.
- Not be in prison, on probation or parole (if you have been convicted of a felony) and you have registered (you can vote while you are in jail if you haven’t been convicted of a felony).
- Not have been permanently disenfranchised for violations of the election laws.
- Not be adjudged mentally incompetent for voting purposes by a court.

3. **I’m registered. How do I vote?** As a registered voter, you can vote by regular ballot at your assigned polling place with identification. If you do not have identification, or are unsure about what identification to bring with you, call 1-866-OURVOTE (1-866-687-8683), for more information.

Proper identification may include:

- A current and valid photo identification,
- A military identification that shows your name and current address,
- A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows your name and current address.
- If you don’t have any of these forms of ID, you can still vote by providing the last 4 digits of your social security number and casting a provisional ballot (if you don’t have a social security number, the poll worker will ask you to fill out a document saying that you are who you say you are before you cast a provisional ballot).
- You DO NOT need to have your voter registration card with you when you cast your ballot.
- You DO NOT have to present citizenship documents. By law, you can only be asked “Are you a citizen of the United States?” If you answer “yes,” you are entitled to cast a regular ballot.
- Additionally, if your polling location uses direct recording electronic voting machines (DRE), you have the option of using a paper ballot to cast your vote instead of a DRE.

4. **What if I can’t cast a regular ballot, can I still vote?** As a registered voter, if you are not able to cast a regular ballot, you may cast a provisional ballot if:

- You lack the required identification to vote a regular ballot.
- Your name does not appear on the precinct register or your eligibility to vote cannot be determined.
- You have changed your name, after filling out a written statement of the name change.

- You have moved to a new precinct within the county in which you are registered to vote., and you cast your provisional ballot at your new polling location. If you have moved to a new county, you must appear at the Board of Elections for the new county.
- Somebody challenges your right to vote.
- Your provisional ballot must be cast in the correct precinct for it to count. Before you cast a provisional ballot, please call **1-866-OUR-VOTE** to make sure you are in the right precinct.

**5. What if I need help?** If you are blind, disabled, or cannot read or write, you may be assisted by a person of your choice or an election official; really anybody but your boss or someone from your union. If your polling place is inaccessible to you because of a disability, you may vote from your vehicle that brought you to the polling place or at the door.

- If you cannot read English you also may be assisted by a person of your choice.
- If you are disabled or 65 years of age or older, you have the option to request another polling location if your current one is not accessible.
- Every polling location is required to have a handicap-accessible adapted voting device. Ask the polling place officials to demonstrate how to use it.