

# YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE

**Having trouble voting or finding your polling place?  
Call 1-866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683)**



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## VOTE Tuesday, November 7

# KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

You have the right to vote — it's the law, and you have the proof in your hands! You'll notice letters and numbers after each of your rights listed below. These codes tell lawyers and poll-workers where to find the actual Tennessee statute that protects your right to vote! These rights are guaranteed to properly registered and qualified voters. You have the right to bring this bill of rights with you into the polling area. If you feel your rights have been violated, please call the Election Protection hotline toll free:

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## TENNESSEE VOTERS' BILL OF RIGHTS

### YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

- 1. VOTE IF YOU ARE IN LINE** at the polling place when the polls open at 8:00 a.m. or when the polls close at 8:00 p.m. in counties in the eastern time zone or at 7:00 p.m. in counties in the central time zone. [T.C.A. §§ 2-3-201; 2-7-127]
- 2. VOTE BY REGULAR BALLOT** even if you do not have your voter registration card with you on Election Day. [T.C.A. § 2-7-112(a)(1)]
- 3. VOTE BY REGULAR BALLOT WITHOUT PRESENTING PHOTO IDENTIFICATION** but you will need to have your signature verified by presenting a valid voter's registration certificate, Tennessee driver license, social security card, credit card bearing your signature or other document with your signature. [T.C.A. § 2-7-112(c)]
- 4. VOTE BY PROVISIONAL BALLOT** if a poll worker cannot find your name on the list, and cannot verify your registration. Check with an Election Protection volunteer or call 1-866-OUR-VOTE before you cast a provisional ballot to confirm that you are in the correct precinct – to help ensure that your vote will count. [T.C.A. § 2-7-112(a)(3)(A-B)]
- 5. RECEIVE ASSISTANCE WITH VOTING IF YOU NEED IT** because, for example, you cannot read or are disabled. [T.C.A. § 2-7-116(a-b)]
- 6. RECEIVE UP TO TWO REPLACEMENT BALLOTS** from the election officials if you make a mistake or “spoil” your ballot and have not cast the ballot. [T.C.A. § 2-7-120]
- 7. VOTE AT YOUR NEW POLLING PLACE** if you have moved within the county, but are still qualified and registered to vote. You must make a written affirmation of your current address. [T.C.A. § 2-7-140(c)]
- 8. VOTE AT YOUR OLD POLLING PLACE** if you have changed your address to a new county within 90 days of the election. [T.C.A. § 2-7-115]
- 9. VOTE IF YOU HAVE CHANGED YOUR NAME BECAUSE OF MARRIAGE** under either your original or your new name. [T.C.A. § 2-2-118(c)(2)]
- 10. VOTE UNDER YOUR ORIGINAL NAME** if your name has changed for a reason other than marriage within 90 days before the election. [T.C.A. § 2-7-115]
- 11. VOTE WITHOUT BEING SOLICITED** when you are within 100 feet of the entrance to the polling place. Furthermore, no police officer or other law enforcement officer may be within 10 feet of the polling place except at the request of the officer of elections or the county election commissioner or to make an arrest or to vote. [T.C.A. §§ 2-7-103(c); 2-7-111(a)]
- 12. VOTE BY PROVISIONAL BALLOT EVEN IF SOMEONE CHALLENGES** your right to vote. [T.C.A. § 2-7-112(a)(3)(A)]
- 13. TAKE UP TO FIVE MINUTES TO CAST YOUR BALLOT** if other voters are waiting, and up to ten minutes if no other voters are waiting. [T.C.A. § 2-7-118]
- 14. RECEIVE A VOTING DEMONSTRATION** from an election official before casting your vote. The official will show the voter how to punch the ballot card, and will ask the voter to punch the demonstration ballot so that faulty punching techniques can be corrected prior to the voter being issued the official ballot card. [Rules of the Secretary of State, Chapter 1360-2-7(1)] If the voter is using a voting machine, the machine operator shall, upon request before the voter enters the voting machine, tell the voter the order of the offices on the ballot and fully instruct the voter on operating the machine. [T.C.A. § 2-7-113(c)]

### TAKE THIS BILL OF RIGHTS WITH YOU.

If you have problems or questions, If anyone challenges your right to vote,  
If you think someone has violated your rights,

**We can help.**

Ask an **ELECTION PROTECTION** volunteer for help, or call toll-free: **1-866-OUR VOTE (866-687-8683)**

Legal volunteers will be available to answer your questions on Election Day, November 7.

TRAINED VOLUNTEERS standing by.

**It's free, nonpartisan and confidential**