

NORTH CAROLINA VOTERS' BILL OF RIGHTS

You have the right to vote – it's the law and the proof is 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 N.C. statute that protects your rights as a properly registered voter. You can take this document with you to vote. *If you are not registered to vote, see the end of this document.*

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE

1. HOURS. Each polling place is open between 6:30 am and 7:30 pm on Election Day. If you are in line or inside the polling place by 7:30 pm, you must be allowed to vote. It's the law: NC General Statute (NCGS) 163-166.01

2. IDENTIFICATION. In general, you do not have to show identification to poll workers when you vote. NCGS 163-82.8. However, if you are a first-time voter who registered to vote by mail without sending in a form of identification, or if the ID number did not match a government database, then a form of identification may be required. It makes sense to take a form of ID with you: a current NC driver's license or one of these documents with your name and current address: utility bill (electric, gas, phone, water, cable bill), pay-stub/W-2, bank statement, or any document from any government agency. NCGS 163-166.12

3. PROVISIONAL BALLOT. If any problem arises, you have a right to vote with a provisional ballot. For example, ask for a provisional ballot if you believe you have registered but your name is not on the rolls; or if you question the voting district (or ballot) assigned to you; or if you are told that you are in the wrong precinct. You must also be given a way to find out if the provisional ballot was counted, and if not, the reason it was not counted. NCGS 163-166.11.

4. IF YOU MOVE. If you have moved and have lived in your new location more than 30 days, you have the right to vote in your new precinct or at a central location. If you have lived in your new location less than 30 days, you must vote in your old precinct or

cast a provisional ballot in your new precinct. If you have moved within your precinct, you can update your info at the polls and vote. NCGS 163-82.15.

5. NAME CHANGE. If your name has changed since you registered to vote, you have the right to vote, even if you have not reported your name change to election officials. NCGS 163-82.16

6. SPOILED BALLOT. If you make a mistake and "spoil" your ballot, you have a right to new ballot. You can spoil up to three ballots. 8 NCAC 10B.0104b

7. ASSISTANCE. You have the right to receive assistance from a family member. If you have a disability or difficulty reading (due to language ability, vision, etc.), you have a right to assistance from anyone of your choice, except your employer or union agent. You can also receive ballot instructions in Spanish. NCGS 163-166.8 and 168-165-5A

8. CURBSIDE. If the polling place is inaccessible to you due to a disability, you have a right to vote at the curb, in the vehicle you came in, or at the door of the polling place. NCGS 163-166.9

9. EX-FELONS & MISDEMEANANTS. You have a right to vote if you are in jail for a misdemeanor or if you are an ex-felon who has completed the terms of your sentence including parole and probation, and you have re-registered to vote. NCGS 13-1.

10. INTIMIDATION. You have a right to vote without being intimidated or forced to vote for anyone you don't wish to vote for. NCGS 163-271.

IF YOU ARE NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE . . .

You can register and vote on the same day – but only during the Early Voting period that runs from 19 to 3 days before Election Day. (You cannot do this on Election Day.) You must be a citizen, and be at least 18 and have lived in the county for 30 days before the election. Go to a One-Stop Early Voting

site in your county, fill out the registration form, show one of the IDs listed in # 2 above, and then vote! To find a One-Stop Early Voting site in your county, call 1-866-522-4723 or 888-OUR-VOTE. Also: You can register by mail if your form is postmarked 25 days before an election. See www.ncsbe.gov.