

# New York State Voter's Bill of Rights

Today is General Election Day.

Polls are open from 6:00 AM until 9:00 PM.

**As a registered voter, you have the RIGHT TO:**

**VOTE:** The right to vote includes voting for candidates and questions on the ballot and having sufficient time to vote.

**HAVE YOUR VOTES COUNT:** Vote on a voting system that is in working condition and that will allow votes to be accurately cast.

**SECRECY IN VOTING:** Secrecy in voting will be preserved for all elections.

**FREEDOM IN VOTING:** Cast your vote, free from coercion or intimidation by elections officers or any other person.

**PERMANENT REGISTRATION:** Once registered to vote, you continue to remain qualified to vote from an address within New York State.

**ACCESSIBLE ELECTIONS:** Non-discriminatory equal access to the election system for all voters, including the elderly, disabled, alternative language minorities, military and overseas citizens, as required by Federal and State laws.

**ASSISTANCE IN VOTING:** You may request assistance to vote because of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write.

**INSTRUCTION IN VOTING:** You can view a sample ballot in this polling place prior to voting, and before entering or approaching a privacy booth, scanner or ballot marking device, you may request help in how to mark and/or cast your ballot.

**AFFIDAVIT VOTING:** Whenever your name does not appear in the poll ledger or the voter registration or enrollment list, or if you have not voted in this election but the records of the Board indicate that you have already voted, or you do not provide identification when required, you will be offered an affidavit ballot.

**FIRST TIME VOTER?** Instructions on how to vote are available on the sample ballot posted in this polling place. If you need additional help, prior to signing in, ask the inspectors working here today.

**CASTING A VOTE ON PAPER BALLOT:** Review your ballot to be sure you have cast your votes as you intended. Be sure to vote for the number of candidates permitted, for each office on your ballot. Casting more votes than the maximum number permitted in any contest (overvoting), will void your votes for that contest only. If you make a mistake on your ballot, return it to the inspectors and you will be given another. After you insert your ballot into the scanner, wait for the message which tells you your ballot was successfully scanned.

**PROBLEMS?** Federal and state laws prohibit acts of fraud and misrepresentation on voting. When you encounter problems in voting, contact your local county board or the State Board of Elections.

Contact your County Board of Elections at (518) 853-8180

Contact the New York State Board of Elections at (518) 474-6220.