



KNOW YOUR RIGHTS: VOTING IN WISCONSIN

For Recall and Special Elections in 2011

What's New in Voting in Wisconsin?

- If you vote in person, you will be *asked* to show photo identification. However, you are **NOT required to have or show photo identification** in elections held this year. The photo identification requirement of the new "Voter ID" law does not go into effect until elections in 2012.
- If you vote in person, you will be required to **sign the registered voter list** in order to receive a ballot.
- You will need to have been a **resident of Wisconsin for at least 28 days** to vote (before it was 10 days). If you have been a resident of Wisconsin for 28 days, but have lived at your current address fewer than 28 days, you must vote at the polling place for your prior address.
- You will **no longer be able to use a corroborator** (someone who "vouches" for you) to prove residency for registration. If you have to register, you will have to provide one of the acceptable forms of documentation described below.
- You can still vote an **in-person absentee ballot**, but the time to do so is shorter than in the past. You can vote at your municipal clerk's office or, in the City of Milwaukee, at the Election Commission office from **July 25 – August 5 for the August 9 elections** and **August 1 – August 12 for the August 16 elections**.

You May Vote in Wisconsin If:

- You will be at least **18 years old** by Election Day.
- You are a **U.S. Citizen** (by birth or naturalization).
- You will be a **Wisconsin resident** for at least 28 days by Election Day.
- You have registered to vote. If you haven't already registered, you can **register to vote at the polling place** on Election Day. (If you are registered at an old address, you must re-register at your current address. You can register before the election until the Friday before Election Day.)

What If I Have to Register?

- If you have a current, valid, **Wisconsin driver's license**, bring it so you can write your license number on the voter registration card.
- If you do **NOT** have a current, valid, **Wisconsin driver's license**, you still **CAN** register and vote by writing your Wisconsin ID card number or the last 4 digits of your social security number on the registration card, or by checking the box that says you don't have any of these documents.
- **You will have to prove where you live**. Bring a document with your **name & current address**, like a driver's license, state ID, recent utility bill (electric, phone, cable, etc.), property tax bill, lease, bank statement, government document, or pay check. (You **may NOT** use things like credit card bills, collection notices, subscriptions, personal mail or a "corroborator" to register.)

**QUESTIONS? PROBLEMS? Call Election Protection Hotline:
1-866-OUR-VOTE or 1-866-687-8683**

You **May** Vote In 2011 Elections EVEN IF:

- You do not have a driver's license or "photo ID." You will need an ID to vote starting in February 2012. For information on getting a free ID, go to the Department of Motor Vehicles' website, <http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/drivers/drivers/apply/idcard.htm>, or call (608) 266-2353.
- You are an **Ex-felon** (*as long as you are not on probation, parole or extended supervision because of a felony conviction.*)
- If you've only been convicted of a **misdemeanor**, you **CAN** vote – even while serving a misdemeanor sentence.
- You don't speak English (*as long as you are a U.S. citizen.*)
- You need **assistance** due to disability or language barriers (*anyone besides your employer or union can help you cast a ballot.*)
- You are a **student** living away from your family (you can choose to vote where you live near school OR where you resided before going to school. You may **not** vote twice.)

If You **Have Problems Voting You May:**

- Call the Government Accountability Board at (866) VOTE-WIS or fill out their complaint form online at <http://gab.wi.gov/node/1279>.
- Call the Election Protection Hotline at (866) OUR-VOTE or (866) 687-8683.

Answers to other frequently asked questions about voting in 2011 can be found at the ACLU of Wisconsin website, <http://www.aclu-wi.org/>

FOR MORE WISCONSIN VOTING INFORMATION

Wisconsin Government Accountability Board, Election Division
(608) 266-8005 or <http://gab.wi.gov/elections-voting/voters>

ACLU of Wisconsin
(414) 272-4032 or <http://www.aclu-wi.org/>



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