

## When do I vote?

Polls are open 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 2, in Ohio. Anyone in line by 7:30 p.m. must be allowed to vote.

## Where do I vote?

In the precinct where you live. If you have moved since registering to vote, you should vote in the precinct of your new home. Your polling place may have changed since you last voted. To check, call your local Board of Elections.

## Do I have to show identification to vote?

No, unless you registered by mail without including proof of identity, in which case you must supply one of these types of ID: Driver's license number, last four digits of Social Security number, or a nonreturnable copy of a utility bill, government document, bank statement or payroll check.

## What is this provisional ballot business I keep hearing about?

That's when a voter's name has changed or his address isn't listed in the poll book. Provisional ballots are not counted on election night but rather are set aside for 10 days so election workers can verify the voter's information. In the past, some provisional ballots have been counted even when they were cast in the wrong precinct, but Secretary of State Kenneth Blackwell has said voters must vote in their correct precinct this year.

## What if the poll worker says my name isn't in the poll book?

If you are certain you're in the correct precinct, you may request a provisional ballot.

## What if I just moved from another county?

If you moved within Ohio, you may cast a provisional ballot at your new polling place or the Board of Elections.

## Is it too late to return my absentee ballot?

No, but it must be delivered by mail or in person to the county Board of Elections by 7:30 p.m. on Election Day.

## How do I use my county's voting machine?

Hamilton, Butler and Warren County voters cast ballots on punch-card machines. You slip the ballot into a slot in the machine and push a stylus through the holes next to your choices. You can make sure you voted as you intended by comparing the numbers next to your choices on the ballot pages with the numbers that have been punched out on your ballot. Clermont County uses an optical-scan system in which voters fill in the ovals of their choices with pencils. Voters may ask poll workers for a demonstration if they're unsure how to vote.

## What if I have a handicap that makes it difficult to get out of my car?

You can vote curbside. Two poll workers, one Democrat and one Republican will bring the ballot to your car. They will also help you if you request it.

## Can my young child enter the voting booth with me?

Yes, if necessary.

## What if I make a mistake on my ballot?

You can exchange the incorrect ballot for a fresh one up to two times as long as you haven't already put your ballot in the ballot box.

## How do I vote for a write-in candidate?

Write the candidate's last name on the lines on the upper section of the ballot.

## What if I don't remember the names of the write-in candidates?

If you are unsure of the candidate's name, you may ask a poll worker for help. They can show voters a list of the write-in candidates. The race for Hamilton County prosecutor has nothing but write-in candidates: Joe Deters and Fanon Rucker.

## What if a poll worker tells me someone has challenged my right to vote?

Election officials say you must answer questions from the presiding judge to assure you're eligible. The judge will administer an oath requiring you to swear to tell the truth and then will ask questions to determine whether you are an American citizen, Ohio resident, county or precinct resident, or at least 18 years old. The poll workers will decide whether you are eligible; if they believe you are not, you may still cast a provisional ballot.

## VOTER'S RIGHTS

■ Each polling location must display a sign explaining your rights as a voter.

■ If you feel your rights have been violated, you can file a complaint with state election officials.

One or more of the following questions could be asked if your right to vote is challenged at the poll on Tuesday:

■ Are you a citizen of the United States?

■ Are you a native or naturalized citizen?

■ Where were you born?

■ Have you resided in this state for 30 days immediately preceding this election?

■ Where have you resided?

■ Please give names of two persons who know your place of residence.

■ Have you been absent from this state within the 30 days immediately preceding this election?

■ Have you continuously resided outside this state for a period of four years or more?

■ Did you, while absent, look upon and regard this state as your home?

■ Did you, while absent, vote in any other state?

■ Do you now reside in this county?

■ Do you now reside in this precinct?

■ When you came into this precinct, did you come for a temporary purpose merely or for the purpose of making it your home?

■ Are you 18 years of age or more to the best of your knowledge and belief?

## Contacting your election officials

Butler County Board of Elections: (513) 887-3700

Clermont County Board of Elections: (513) 732-7275

Hamilton County Board of Elections: (513) 632-7000

Warren County Board of Elections: (513) 695-1358

Ohio Secretary of State's Office: (877) 767-6446

U.S. Election Assistance Commission: (866) 747-1471