

**You may order a list of registered voters** from the State Election Commission. You may get complete details about the different formats and cost of these lists by calling (803) 734-9060. You will need to call the Board of Elections and Voter Registration Office to obtain applicable precinct and district codes for the area that you are interested. You may also obtain a countywide list.

**District Maps** are available at a minimal charge from the Board of Elections & Voter Registration Office.

### **CANDIDATES (7-25-180)**

#### **Candidates may:**

- observe the election process in the precincts where their name is on the ballot
- greet voters as long as the voters do not feel intimidated
- look at the voter registration list or poll list as long as no one is waiting in line to vote
- wear a name badge with their name and office that they are running for as long as the badge is no larger than 4 1/4" x 4 1/4" (outside the polling place but within 200 ft)

#### **Candidates may not:**

- interfere with the orderly process or conduct of the election in any way
- distribute any type of campaign literature within 200 feet of the entrance that is being used by the voters of the polling place
- wear a name badge inside the polling place

#### **Signs/Posters:**

- **Cannot:** - be placed on utility poles  
- block view in intersections
- **Must:** - follow county and municipal sign ordinances  
- Be removed if they are within 200 feet of the polling place on election day

#### **Poll Watchers: (7-13-860)**

- **Primary Elections:**
  - 1 per candidate at each precinct
- **Non-Partisan Candidates:**
  - 1 per candidate at each precinct
- **General Elections:**
  - 2 per political party per 1000 voters for precinct
- **MUST:**
  - Be a registered voter in Charleston County
  - Present written certification signed by the candidate or appropriate party official to the managers of the polling place where they are assigned to watch
  - Wear visible I.D.
    - Poll watcher
    - Name of the candidate or political party they represent
    - No larger than 4 1/4" x 4 1/4"
    - May not be a color that has a fluorescent quality
  - Be allowed to observe entire voting process
  - Not talk with voters or interfere with orderly conduct of the election
  - Direct all questions through a poll manager
  - Issue all challenges through a poll manager

### **REGISTERING TO VOTE QUALIFICATIONS**

- Citizen of the U.S. and South Carolina and a resident in the county and voting precinct you are to vote in
- At least 18 years of age prior to next general election
- Not under a court order declaring you mentally incompetent or confined in a public prison
- Not be convicted of a felony or an offense against the election laws, unless the disqualification has been removed by service of the sentence, including probation and parole time or pardoned.
- No length of residency required

**Must register at least thirty (30) days prior to election.**

**IN PERSON:** Board of Elections and Voter Registration Office  
County Libraries  
City Halls  
DMV  
Any public assistance agency

**BY MAIL:** Must be postmarked 30 days prior to the election

**INTERNET:** [www.scvotes.org](http://www.scvotes.org)

#### **CHANGE OF NAME AND/OR ADDRESS:**

- Write your new address/name on the back of your certificate and mail to Board of Elections & Voter Registration Office
- Pick up a form from one of the above sites and check change in current registration
- Change your address when you update your driver's license at DMV
- Utilize internet site
- You must complete a new voter registration application if you move to another county no later than 30 days prior to election

## **VOTING PROCEDURES**

- Polls open 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.
- One I. D. required with current address
  - Voter Registration Certificate
  - S.C. Driver's License
  - S.C. Photo I.D. issued by DMV

### **VOTER ASSISTANCE:** Disabled, Blind, or Illiterate

- Voter must ask for assistance
- May choose anyone to assist them except
  - Their employer or agent of their employer
  - An officer or agent of their union

### **CURBSIDE VOTING:** Disabled or Elderly (65 or older)

- Someone must present I.D. for voter to poll manager
- Voter will be allowed to vote in their car

### **ABSENTEE BALLOTS:**

- Absentee precinct opens January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year
- Request made by phone or mail
  - Voter
  - Member of immediate family
- Application mailed
  - Application completed and returned by voter
  - Ballot mailed
  - Voter votes ballot and returns to Board of Elections & Voter Registration Office no later than 7 p.m. election day
- Request made in person (45 days prior to election through 5 p.m. day before election)
  - Voter completes application
  - Votes ballot
- Authorized Representative (for disabled voters only)
  - Must make request in person or by mail
  - Must be qualified elector

### **FAIL-SAFE:** (Office Only)

- Change Address
- Vote complete ballot

## **ELECTION NIGHT TABULATION**

### ELECTION CENTRAL

Board of Elections &  
Voter Registration Office

Election results are posted on a large screen for viewing by the candidates and public. Charleston County or Statewide results may be viewed at <http://vote.charlestoncounty.org> or [www.scvotes.org](http://www.scvotes.org) as each precinct is tabulated.

The **Provisional Ballot and Certification Hearings** will be held on Thursday or Friday following the election. You may contact the Board of Elections and Voter Registration Office for the time and location.

### **BOARD OF ELECTIONS & VOTER REGISTRATION CHARLESTON COUNTY**

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Charleston, SC 29415

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### **STATE ELECTION COMMISSION**

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