



Charleston County News Release

Release Number: 3581

Date: March 28, 2013

Election Information, Polling Place Changes and Photo ID

What's new for the 1st Congressional District Special Republican Runoff Election on Tuesday, April 2

Helpful links:

- **1st Congressional District Special Primary/Runoff Election information**
 - <http://charlestoncounty.org/Departments/BEVR/NOTICE%20OF%20ELECTION%20-%20US%20House%20District%201%20March%2019%202013.pdf>
- **Photo ID information**
 - http://scvotes.org/2012/09/24/photo_id_requirements_new_for_2013
- **Sample Republican Runoff ballot**
 - <http://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/BEVR/files/US-House-of-Rep-Rep-Pri-Runoff-BallotStyle1-English.pdf>
- **Charleston County Board of Elections and Voter Registration main site**
 - <http://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/BEVR/index.htm>

The [Charleston County Board of Elections and Voter Registration](#) (BEVR) office is providing information to residents who will vote in the 1st Congressional District Special Republican Runoff Election.

A Republican Runoff election will be held on Tuesday, April 2, and polling places will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Registered voters who cannot vote in person may be eligible to vote by absentee ballot. Absentee ballots may be obtained from the [Board of Elections and Voter Registration Office in Charleston County](#). Citizens may call (843) 744-8683, or send an email to absentee@charlestoncounty.org to inquire about the availability of absentee ballots.

State law prohibits voters from voting in more than one primary election held on the same day. Voters may not vote in both parties' runoffs. Furthermore, voters who voted in one party's primary are not eligible to vote in the other party's runoff election. However, voters who did not vote in either primary on March 19, 2013, may vote in either party's runoff on April 2, 2013. All District 1 voters will fall into one of these three categories:

- 1) Those who voted in the Democratic Primary *are not* eligible to vote in the Republican Runoff (there is no Democratic Runoff)
- 2) Those who voted in the Republican Primary *are* eligible to vote in the Republican Runoff.
- 3) Those who did not vote in either the Democratic or Republican Primary *are* eligible to vote in the Republican Runoff.

On Thursday, April 4, 2013, the Charleston County Board of Canvassers will hold a hearing at 10 a.m. to determine the validity of all provisional ballots casts in the primary election, and to certify election results in the Republican Runoff. This hearing will be held at the elections office, 4367 Headquarters Road, North Charleston, SC.

The list of precincts and polling places can be found online at <http://charlestoncounty.org/Departments/BEVR/NOTICE%20OF%20ELECTION%20-%20US%20House%20District%201%20March%2019%202013.pdf>.

Voters who have any questions regarding where they are supposed to vote or if they live in Congressional District 1 may contact the [Charleston County Board of Elections and Voter Registration](#) office at (843) 744-8683 or visit <https://info.scvotes.sc.gov/eng/voterinquiry/VoterInformationRequest.aspx?PageMode=VoterInfo>

There are two polling place changes to be aware of for voters in Charleston County:

Precinct	Previous Location	New Location	Address
Mt. Pleasant 10 Mt. Pleasant 11 Mt. Pleasant 12	Whitesides Elementary	Sullivan's Island Elementary	1120 Rifle Range Road
St. Andrews 20	Jewish Community Center	West Ashley Middle School	1776 William Kennerty Drive

The other important change for this runoff election (it was also in effect for the primary election) is that Photo ID is in effect for Charleston County, and BEVR Executive Director Joseph Debney said the County office has only seen about 200 people come in to get IDs. He wants to make sure everyone is aware of the new change, and is striving to get out information that the S.C. Election Commission has provided.

Photo ID – What U.S. House District 1 Voters Need to Know *(news release from the S.C. Election Commission)*

COLUMBIA, SC (March 13, 2013) – Voters need to be aware of new rules for providing photo ID at the polls in the March 19 Primaries for U.S. House of Representatives District 1. Under new rules that took effect on January 1, 2013, all voters will be asked to provide one of the following types of Photo ID at their polling place:

- S.C. Driver's License
- S.C. DMV Identification Card
- S.C. Voter Registration Card with a Photo
- Federal Military ID
- U.S. Passport

Voters who already have one of the IDs above are ready to vote. They need to be sure to bring their ID with them to their polling place.

Voters who forget to bring their ID with them to vote may vote a provisional ballot that will count only if they show their Photo ID to the county election commission prior to certification of the election.

Voters who don't have a Photo ID can make their voting experience as fast and easy as possible by getting one before voting. Voters can get a free Photo ID from their county voter registration office by providing their name, date of birth, and last four digits of their social security number.

Voters who can't get a Photo ID must bring their non-photo voter registration card (old card without photo) with them to the polls. They will be allowed to vote after signing an affidavit stating they have a reasonable impediment to obtaining photo ID. The reasonable impediment could be a religious objection to being photographed, a disability or illness, work schedule, lack of transportation, family responsibilities or any other obstacle the voter finds reasonable.

For more information about the state's Photo ID requirements, visit [scVOTES.org](http://www.scvotes.org) or http://www.scvotes.org/2012/09/24/photo_id_requirements_new_for_2013.

For information on Charleston County Government news and services, the public can:

- Visit our website: www.charlestoncounty.org
- Follow us on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/ChasCountyGov>
- Like us on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Charleston-County-Government/474878989220753>
 - *Emergency Management Department:* <http://www.facebook.com/EMDChasCo>
 - *Consolidated 9-1-1 Center's Public Education Program:* <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Charleston-County-Government/474878989220753#!/pages/Charleston-County-Consolidated-9-1-1-Center-Public-Education-Program/186965438015227>
 - *Board of Elections and Voter Registration:* <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Charleston-County-Board-of-Elections-and-Voter-Registration/103895809694986>
- See us on You Tube: <http://www.youtube.com/user/charlestoncountygov>
- Watch County Council meetings online <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/charleston-county-government>



- written by Jennie Flinn -