Election Information, Polling Place Changes and Photo ID
What's new for the 1st Congressional District Special Republican Runoff Election on Tuesday, April 2

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- **1st Congressional District Special Primary/Runoff Election information**
- **Photo ID information**
- **Sample Republican Runoff ballot**
- **Charleston County Board of Elections and Voter Registration main site**

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.

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:

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<td>Sullivan’s Island</td>
<td>1120 Rifle Range Road</td>
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<td>Jewish Community Center</td>
<td>West Ashley Middle School</td>
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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 or http://www.scvotes.org/2012/09/24/photo_id_requirements_new_for_2013.
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