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Info. on 1st Congressional District Special Election on May 7

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 Election on Tuesday, May 7.

Polling places will be open on May 7 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.

Helpful links:
- ***1st Congressional District Special Election information***
  - http://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/BEVR/US%20House%20District%201%20General%20Election%20May%207%202013%20Revised.pdf
- ***Sample ballot***
  - http://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/BEVR/US-House-Dist1-Special-Election-BallotStyle1-English.pdf
- ***Photo ID information***
  - http://scvotes.org/2012/09/24/photo_id_requirements_new_for_2013
- ***Charleston County Board of Elections and Voter Registration main webpage***
  - http://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/BEVR/index.htm

On Friday, May 10, the Charleston County Board of Canvassers will hold a hearing at 10 a.m. to determine the validity of all provisional ballots cast in the election, and to certify election results. The 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://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/BEVR/US%20House%20District%201%20General%20Election%20May%207%202013%20Revised.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 (these changes were in effect for the primary and runoff election):

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 the election (that was also in effect for the primary and runoff elections) is that Photo ID is in effect for Charleston County. BEVR Executive Director Joseph Debney said he wants to make sure everyone is aware of the new change, and has been striving to get out information that the S.C. Election Commission has provided.

"We have been conducting many outreach events in order to produce new voter registration cards for voters," Debney said.

BEVR has attended the following events across the county:
- Black Expo
- Awendaw Town Hall event
- Old Ashley Baptist Association event

"We are also currently working with a few other places across the county to take photos," Debney said. "We will be at the Charleston Housing Authority's Community Resource Day, and are working out the details with the Town of Hollywood to conduct an event with them as well."

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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