

# \*\*\* YOUR VOTING RIGHTS \*\*\*

## You Have:

- 1.) The right to a ballot with written instructions on how to cast the ballot.
- 2.) The right to cast your vote in secret and free from intimidation.
- 3.) The right to receive up to two more ballots if a mistake is made while marking the ballot.
- 4.) The right to ask the polling place official for instructions on how to cast the ballot, but not for suggestions on how to vote.
- 5.) The right to bring an interpreter to assist you as you qualify to vote if you do not understand the English language.
- 6.) The right to assistance while casting your ballot if you cannot write, see the ballot, or understand the language in which it is written.
- 7.) The right to report a possible voting rights abuse to the Secretary of State or to your local election official.
- 8.) The right to cast a provisional ballot if your name does not appear on the list of registered voters.
- 9.) The (1) right to cast a provisional ballot (a) if you do not have one of the acceptable forms of photo identification listed below, which is not expired for more than four years, and you do not have a reasonable impediment to obtaining one of these forms of identification or (b) if you have, but did not bring to the polling place, one of the seven forms of acceptable photo identification listed below, which is not expired for more than four years, and (2) the right to present one of the acceptable forms of photo identification listed below, which is not expired for more than four years, to the county voter registrar's office within six (6) calendar days after election day.
- 10.) The right to vote once at any early voting location during the early voting period within the territory conducting the election.
- 11.) The right to file an administrative complaint with the Secretary of State concerning violations of federal and state voting procedures.

## You may not:

- 1.) Vote in an election in which you know that you are not eligible to vote.
- 2.) Vote twice in an election.
- 3.) Provide assistance to a voter who is not eligible to receive assistance.
- 4.) Suggest how another person should vote by word, sign or gesture while in the polling place.
- 5.) Intimidate, threaten, or coerce any person from voting or attempting to vote.
- 6.) Electioneer or loiter within 100 feet of the entrance to the polling place or inside the polling place.
- 7.) Buy or sell your ballot.
- 8.) Deposit a ballot in the ballot box that was not given to you by an election official.

## **Identification Requirements**

**You will have to present one of the following forms of acceptable photo identification in order to vote, unless you have a reasonable impediment to obtaining one of these forms of acceptable photo identification or you qualify for one of the other exemptions identified below:**

- (1) Texas Driver's License issued by the Department of Public Safety ("DPS")
- (2) Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS;
- (3) Texas Personal Identification Card issued by DPS;
- (4) Texas Handgun License issued by DPS;
- (5) United States Military Identification Card containing the person's photograph;
- (6) United States Citizenship Certificate containing the person's photograph; or
- (7) United States Passport.

With the exception of the U.S. citizenship certificate, the identification must be current or have expired no more than 4 years before being presented for voter qualification at the polling place.

**Reasonable Impediment to Obtaining Identification:** If you have not been able to obtain one of the forms of acceptable photo identification listed above, and have a reasonable impediment to obtaining such identification, you have the right to execute a Reasonable Impediment Declaration and present one of the following supporting documents:

- (1) valid voter registration certificate;
- (2) certified birth certificate (must be an original);
- (3) copy of or original current utility bill;
- (4) copy of or original bank statement;
- (5) copy of or original government check;
- (6) copy of or original paycheck; or
- (7) copy of or original other government document that displays your name and an address (though an original is required if it contains a photograph).

**Other Exemptions:** Voters with a disability may apply with the county voter registrar for a permanent exemption to presenting acceptable photo identification in the county. Also, voters who (1) have a consistent religious objections to being photographed or (2) do not present an acceptable form of photo identification listed above because of certain natural disasters as declared by the President of the United States or the Texas Governor, may vote a provisional ballot, appear at the voter registrar's office within **six (6) calendar days** after election day, and sign an affidavit swearing to the religious objection or natural disaster, in order for a provisional ballot to be counted. Please contact your county voter registrar for more details.