Voter Bill of Rights

1. **You have the right to cast a ballot if you are a valid registered voter.**

   A valid registered voter means a United States citizen who is a resident in this state, who is at least 18 years of age and not in prison or on parole for conviction of a felony, and who is registered to vote at his or her current residence address.

2. **You have the right to cast a provisional ballot if your name is not listed on the voting rolls.**

3. **You have the right to cast a ballot if you are present and in line at the polling place prior to the close of the polls.**

4. **You have the right to cast a secret ballot free from intimidation.**

5. **You have the right to receive a new ballot if, prior to casting your ballot, you believe you made a mistake.**

   If, at any time before you finally cast your ballot, you feel you have made a mistake, you have the right to exchange the spoiled ballot for a new ballot. Absentee voters may also request and receive a new ballot if they return their spoiled ballot to an elections official prior to the closing of the polls on Election Day.

6. **You have the right to receive assistance in casting your ballot, if you are unable to vote without assistance.**

7. **You have the right to return a completed absentee ballot to any precinct in the county.**

8. **You have the right to election materials in another language, if there are sufficient residents in your precinct to warrant production.**

9. **You have the right to ask questions about election procedures and to observe the elections process.**

   You have the right to ask questions of the precinct board and election officials regarding election procedures and to receive an answer or be directed to the appropriate official for an answer. However, if persistent questioning disrupts the execution of their duties, the board or election officials may discontinue responding to questions.

10. **You have the right to report any illegal or fraudulent activity to a local elections official or to the Secretary of State's Office.**

SPECIAL NOTICE

- **Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the day indicated in the posted sample ballot.**
- **Specific instructions on how to vote, including how to cast a provisional ballot, can be obtained from a poll worker or by reading the information mailed to you by your local elections official.**
- **If you are a newly registered voter, you may be asked to provide appropriate identification or other documentation according to federal law. But please note that every individual has the right to cast a provisional ballot even if he or she does not provide the documentation.**
- **It is against the law to represent yourself as being eligible to vote unless you meet all of the requirements to vote under federal and state law.**
- **It is against the law to tamper with voting equipment.**

If you believe you have been denied any of these rights, or if you are aware of any elections fraud or misconduct, please call the Secretary of State's confidential toll-free

Voter Protection Hotline at 1-800-345-VOTE [8683]

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