**Alabama Rules For Voting**

***Your Vote! Your Voice!***

**1 Voter ID**

As of **2014**, you will be required to show a valid **Photo ID** at the polls in order to vote.

Be sure you have the right kind of ID. See #9 for a list of acceptable forms of ID.

See #10 for information about obtaining a Free Alabama Photo Voter ID.

**2 Get Registered**

To vote, citizens **must** first **register**. Registration forms are available rrom:

* **County Board of Registrars**
* **Driver’s Licensing Offices**
* **County (and select municipal) Public Libraries.**

Registration forms may also be obtained at all state and/or county offices that provide public assistance or online by visiting:

[www.alabamavotes.gov](http://www.alabamavotes.gov)

**3 Deadline**

Voter registration is **closed** for the fourteen (14) days before an election. All voters must be registered **before** this timeframe in order to vote.

**4 Where’s Home?**

Students may register at a campus address if you view it as home, or at another address where you intend to return. Register in **only one** place!

**5 Felony**

**Only** felonies involving “moral turpitude” result in loss of the right to vote. If you are unsure, there is no penalty for submitting a voter registration form. If you receive notice stating your voting rights have been revoked, you may apply to the Board of Pardons and Paroles to have your rights restored.

**6 Absentee Voting**

Absentee ballots may be used if you…

* Will be absent from the county on election day
* Are ill or have a physical disability that prevents travel to the polling place
* Are a registered voter living outside the county (limitations apply)
* Work a required shift, 10-hrs or more, that coincides with poll hours

**Download an Absentee application at:**

<http://www.sos.state.al.us/Elections/AbsenteeVotingInfo.aspx>

**7 Polling Hours**

Alabama polling places are open from 7 AM to 7 PM. If you are in line at 7 PM, you will be allowed to vote; it’s your right!

**8 Voter Assistance**

If you desire help, you are entitled to it! Anyone you wish (except your employer or union agent) may give you assistance, including a poll worker, at your request.

**Need Help? Questions?**

**Call 205.677.3115 or email**

**bhamvotes@googlegroups.com**

**9 The Right Photo ID**

Photo ID must be valid and of the following:

* AL Driver’s License
* AL Nondriver ID
* Free AL Photo Voter ID
* Federal or State Issued ID (AL or any other state)
* US Passport
* Employee ID from Federal Government, State of AL, County, Municipality, Board or other Entity of AL
* Student or employee ID from an AL college or university
* Student or employee ID issued by a state institute of higher learning in any state
* Military ID

**10 FREE AL Photo Voter ID**

If you do not have one of these forms of ID, you are eligible for a **Free** Alabama Photo Voter ID. To receive one, you must show:

A photo ID document

* OR –

A non-photo identity document if it contains **both** your name **and** date of birth

Other necessary information can be verified electronically when application is processed.

Contact your local Registrar’s office for more information and to receive an application.

**11 Inside the Poll**

You may wear campaign buttons and/or t-shirts into the polling place. However, be sure you do not loiter or leave any campaign materials behind. While you are permitted to take your cell phone into the polling place, please do not disturb other voters or disrupt the polling place. If your phone has a camera, you **may not** take photos or record video in the polling place.

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