

**Disclaimer:**

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**Questions Involving Access to the Ballot:**

**1. It is after 7:00 AM and the polling place is not open.**

Voters should immediately contact the County Clerk to report the problem. You can find information on County Clerks at <http://soswy.state.wy.us/Elections/CountyClerks.aspx>.

If the polling place is open at 7:00 a.m. but the voting machines have not arrived, call headquarters immediately. Voters should be permitted to vote by paper ballots (preferably) or by provisional ballots if there are no machines available.

**2. It is 7:00 PM and my polling place is closed or closing and they will not let me vote.**

Voters should immediately contact the County Clerk to report the problem. You can find information on County Clerks at <http://soswy.state.wy.us/Elections/CountyClerks.aspx>.

**3. There are equipment problems at my precinct and I cannot vote. What should I do?**

Encourage the voter to ask to vote by a back-up paper ballot or by provisional ballot. If a caller reports problems with machines, immediately contact the hotline (1-866-OUR-VOTE, 1-866-687-8683). There will be an Electronic Frontier Foundation representative at the call center to walk you through the appropriate steps to solve the machine problem.

**Identification and Provisional Ballots:**

**1. I do not have my identification with me. Can I vote?**

Yes. No identification is required when voting in person or by mail after having registered in person, or after having registered by mail and having voted in a Wyoming federal election. If the voter is a first-time voter who registered by mail, the voter may vote by provisional ballot. If possible, a voter should be encouraged to get an ID and NOT cast a provisional ballot.

**2. I am a registered voter who is not on the rolls at my polling place. Can I vote?**

Confirm that the voter is qualified to vote (i.e., meets the age, criminal status and durational residency requirements found in Section II of the manual) and that the voter registered in time to vote in this election. Next, make sure the voter is at the correct polling place.

If the voter has registered on time, is eligible and is in the correct polling place, direct the voter to ask the poll worker to call the Board and confirm the voter's registration. If the voter still is not on the rolls, let the voter know that he or she can re-register at the polling place or may vote by provisional ballot. This is a LAST resort, as provisional ballots are not automatically included in the final tally of votes cast.

**3. Poll workers are turning voters away if they don't have photo ID.**

Contact a Commander immediately. An attorney will be dispatched to the polling place. Encourage the voter to go back inside the polling place and demand the right to vote by a REGULAR ballot (unless the voter is a first time voter who registered to vote by mail and has not previously provided a copy of their ID, in which case he or she can vote by provisional ballot).

**4. I have been offered a provisional ballot. What should I do?**

Provisional ballots are a LAST resort.

Any voter whose name does not appear on the official register or whose eligibility is challenged or cannot be determined at the polls on Election Day may vote by provisional ballot. A voter who submits a provisional ballot must sign an affirmation that states that the voter is the person that he or she represents himself or herself to be and that such individual is a qualified voter entitled to vote in the precinct at the election and that the voter will not vote any other ballot in the election.

The voter must present information and documentation of his or her eligibility to register at the election or to vote to the county clerk by the close of business on the day following the election. Any information presented shall be considered in determining the voter's eligibility to register at the election or to vote and whether to open and count his or her provisional ballot. The provisional ballot shall be counted only after the voter has established that he or she has previously registered and is a qualified voter or was eligible to register at the election and is a qualified voter.

## **Where to Vote:**

**1. Where do I vote (for voters who have not moved)?**

You can look up polling place locations at [www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org). Polling place locations shall also be published by the county clerk at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the county within two (2) weeks prior to the statewide election. You may also contact your county clerk for a list of polling place locations.

**2. I have moved within the SAME PRECINCT and have not updated my address for voter registration purposes. Where should I vote?**

If the voter has moved within the same precinct, the voter should go to the appropriate polling place for that precinct. If the voter registration still lists the voter's old address, the voter will be asked to update his or her registration. If the updated address is within the precinct, the voter must be permitted to vote.

**3. I have moved to a different precinct within the same COUNTY and I have not updated my address for voter registration purposes. Where should I vote?**

The voter should go to the new polling location that corresponds to his or her new address or to the county board of elections. If the voter registration still lists the voter's old address, the voter will be asked to update his or her registration and will then be permitted to vote.

**4. I have moved from one county to another and have not updated my address for voter registration purposes. Where should I vote?**

The voter should go to the new polling location that corresponds to his or her new address or the county board of elections in the voter's NEW COUNTY, complete and sign a new voter registration form and will then be permitted to vote. The voter will also be required to complete and sign a Request for Voter Registration Withdrawal form, which will be sent to the jurisdiction in which the voter was last registered.

## **Assistance at the polls:**

**1. I am physically disabled and need assistance; will my polling place be accessible?**

Federal and Wyoming law requires that each polling place be accessible to physically disabled voters. If a voter reports that a polling place is not accessible to the handicapped, contact a Commander so an attorney can get in touch with the responsible election official to report the problem immediately.

**2. I am blind, physically disabled or cannot read English and require assistance at the polls in order to vote. Can I get assistance at the polls?**

A voter requiring assistance at the polls for any of the reasons stated above can take a person of their choice into the voting booth, including a poll worker. Election Protection volunteers can serve as assistants to disabled or language minority voters if asked to do so by the voter. If a poll worker refuses to allow a disabled or language minority voter to bring a person of their choice into the voting booth, contact a Commander so an attorney can get in touch with the responsible election official to report the problem immediately.

The State of Wyoming is not covered by the language minority provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

## **Miscellaneous Issues:**

**1. I have been approached by candidates or others at the polls.**

All poll monitors, including Election Protection volunteers, must stay at least 100 yards from the entrance to the polling place; they may solicit voters if they comply with this rule. If anyone is violating the 100-yard requirement, contact a Commander so an attorney can get in touch with the responsible election official to report the problem immediately.

**2. What if I requested an absentee ballot but I want to vote in person on Election Day?**

As long as the voter has NOT already submitted the absentee ballot, and is otherwise qualified, he or she may vote in person by REGULAR ballot.

**3. There are people at the polls trying to intimidate voters.**

Contact a Commander immediately. An attorney will be dispatched to the polling place. If the voter agrees, put them on hold while you call the Commander so they can send an attorney to the location immediately. Then, gather as much information from the voter as possible. Also, alert the call center manager.

**4. I have a felony conviction. Can I vote?**

Yes. Wyoming law permits convicted felons to re-register to vote so long as they are not currently serving a felony sentence of incarceration and are either pardoned or have had their civil rights restored by the Governor of Wyoming. This includes those who are on probation, on parole or who have completed a felony sentence in the past.

**5. I am a college student, can I vote where I go to school?**

College students may register and vote where they go to school provided that they consider that location their voting residence. A voting residence is the residence the student claims as their home; the residence which qualifies them to vote on a particular ballot. Students must be held to the SAME eligibility requirements as any other voter in the jurisdiction. If a student has been turned away at the polls, ascertain if they have fulfilled all of the registration requirements (age, criminal status, durational residency requirements) and that they have registered on time for this election.

If a properly registered student is turned away at the poll, contact a Commander to dispatch an attorney to the location and contact the appropriate election official.