

MISSISSIPPI VOTER

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You have the right to vote. That's the law, and you have the proof in your hands! You will notice referenced statutes after each of your rights listed below. Those statutes tell lawyers and poll-workers where to find the exact provisions of Mississippi law that protect your right to vote. These rights are guaranteed for all properly registered and qualified voters. You have the right to bring this Bill of Rights with you into the polling area. If you believe your rights have been violated, please call the [Election Protection hotline toll free: 1-888-601-VOTE](tel:1-888-601-VOTE).

- [On Election Day, each polling place opens at 7:00 a.m. and closes at 7:00 p.m.](#) Source: Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-541.
- [You Have The Right To Vote.](#) All Mississippians voting at the polls are required to show a photo ID card. If you are otherwise qualified to vote, election officials will have you sign the receipt book or booklet next to your name and permit you to vote. Source: Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-541.
- [You Have The Right To Vote By An Affidavit Ballot](#) (a) if you declare that you are a registered voter in the jurisdiction in which you desire to vote and are eligible to vote in the election but your name does not appear on the pollbooks, or (b) if you are not able to cast a regular Election Day ballot under a provision of state or federal law but are otherwise qualified to vote, or (c) if you have been illegally denied registration, after signing a written affidavit before one of the managers stating that you meet one of the above requirements. Source: Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15- 573.

- **You Have The Right To Vote By An Affidavit Ballot** if you vote in an election as a result of a federal or state court order or other order extending the time established by law for closing the polls. Source: Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-573(7).
- **You Have The Right To Be Assisted With Voting By Any Person You Choose** except your employer, an agent of your employer or an officer or agent of your union once you declare that you require assistance by reason of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write. Source: Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-549.
- **You Have The Right To Vote By Affidavit Ballot In Your New Ward Or Precinct** if you have moved within the same municipality or voting precinct in the same county within 30 days of the election. If you moved prior to 30 days before the election within the same county but you did not transfer your registration, you are entitled to have your voting registration transferred to your new ward or precinct upon a written request. Sources: Miss. Code Ann. §§ 23-15-13, 23-15-573 (CrossReferences).
- **You Have The Right To Receive Up To Two Replacement Ballots From Election Officials** if you make a mistake or “spoil” your ballot and did not cast it, after returning the spoiled ballot. Source: Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-553.
- **You Have The Right To Vote If You Have Been Convicted Of A Crime** other than murder, rape, arson, armed robbery, bigamy, bribery, embezzlement, extortion, felony bad check, felony shoplifting, forgery, larceny, obtaining money or goods under false pretenses, perjury, receiving stolen property, robbery, theft, timber larceny, unlawful taking of motor vehicle, statutory rape, carjacking, larceny under lease or rental agreement, or voter fraud including by absentee ballot while incarcerated, after registering by mail in the county in which you resided immediately prior to your incarceration. Source: Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-11, Miss. AG Op., Scott (October 27, 2000).

- **You Have The Right To Remain In The Voting Booth** for 10 minutes if no other voter is waiting to vote, or for 5 minutes if another voter is waiting. Source: Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-551.
- **You Have The Right To Vote Curbside** with the assistance of an election manager if you are physically disabled and you are unable to enter the polling place. Source: Miss. Code Ann. Miss. AG Op., Berkley (June 19, 1991).
- **You Have The Right To Request Further Instructions** before casting your vote, if you need additional assistance after entering the voting booth, Source: Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-437.
- **You Have The Right To An Open And Clear Polling Place** with no person present other than the election officers and two party challengers when you are within 30 feet from the polls or the room in which the election is being held. Source: Miss. Code Ann § 23-15-245.
- **You Have The Right To Wait To Vote (Or To Vote)** without anyone electioneering or trying to influence your vote in any way when you are within 150 feet of a polling place entrance. Source: Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-895.
- **You Have The Right To Receive Non-English Ballots**, instructions, and other voting materials for Choctaw voters in Attala, Jackson, Jones, Kemper, Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott, and Winston Counties. Sources: 42 U.S.C. § 1973 et seq.; 67 F.R. 48,871 (2002)

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO TAKE THIS BILL OF RIGHTS INTO THE VOTING BOOTH WITH YOU!