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HORRY COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Voting in South Carolina

Your Privilege and Your Duty

Voting is probably the most critical of our democratic processes in the United States. All eligible residents should register and then vote in every election.

Voter Registration

There are two ways to register, or check your registration status online in South Carolina: www.scvotes.gov or www.votebluessc.com. If you have changed name or moved, you can update your information though www.scvotes.gov or by going to the Horry County Voter Registration office in Conway.

The criteria to register in South Carolina are:

- U.S. Citizen 18 years of age on or before the next election
- Resident of South Carolina
- Not under court order declaring you mentally incompetent
- Not incarcerated due to a criminal conviction
- Felony conviction and have completed your sentence, including probation, parole and restitution

New residents will be asked if they want to register through the Department of Motor Vehicles when they register their vehicle in South Carolina. They can also go to the Horry County Board of Voter Registration and Elections located in Conway at 1515 4th Ave, Conway, SC 29526 (Phone: 843-915-5440) to register. The Horry County Democratic Party office at 311C Beaty St in Conway also has voter registration forms available.

Always check your registration before voting to make sure your name and address are current. A lapsed registration can be reinstated by contacting the Horry County Voter Registration office.

Permanent voter registration cards have your photo on them. This eliminates the need to show any other photo ID when voting in person.

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There are three ways to vote in South Carolina:

- In-Person at your polling place on election day
- In-Person Absentee at the Horry County Voter Registration Office in Conway
- Mail-In Absentee

Voters can download a sample ballot for a specific election by selecting View Sample Ballot when checking their registration or by contacting Horry County Voter Registration. Sample ballots can be taken to the polling location.

All In-Person polling locations, including the Horry County Voter Registration office, have handicapped access.

In-Person Voting on Election Day

Before voting in-person on election day, go to www.scvotes.gov or www.votebluessc.com and select Check Your Voter Registration to verify your polling location.

You must show a photo ID when checking in at your polling place. The photo voter registration card is the best way to do this; however, if you do not have one, you can use any of the following:

- Valid SC Driver's License
- SC Department of Motor Vehicles ID Card
- SC Concealed Weapons Permit
- SC Voter Registration Card with Photo (paper or card)
- US Passport
- Federal Military ID

The address on your ID must match the address on the voter roll. Discuss your options to vote with the poll manager if you do not own a photo ID, it has expired or there are discrepancies between the ID and the voter roll.

Absentee Voting

The website https://www.scvotes.gov/absentee-voting lists all of the criteria to vote either In-Person or Mail-In absentee in South Carolina. The most common reason is 65 years or older.

In-Person Absentee voting begins 30 days before the election and can only be done at the Horry County Voter Registration office in Conway. Voters must bring a photo ID with them to vote. In-Person Absentee voting ends at close of business the day before the election.

Mail-In Absentee voting requires the voter to request an absentee ballot. There are several ways to obtain a ballot application.

- Pick up at Horry County Board of Voter Registration and Elections in Conway
- Online at www.scvotes.gov or www.vote-bluessc.com
- Call Voter Registration at 843- 915-5440 or Fax Request to 843-915-6440
- Email: Vote.Horry@elections.sc.gov

Once a ballot application has been completed, it can be returned by mail or by dropping off at Voter Registration in Conway. Absentee ballot packets are sent 30 days prior to the specified election. Voters can check the status of their application at www.scvotes.gov or www.vote-bluessc.com.

The Mail-In Absentee ballot packet contains instructions, the ballot, a ballot envelope and a return, pre-paid envelope. Voters will complete the ballot, place it in the ballot envelope and then place the sealed ballot envelope in the pre-paid return envelope. Voters must sign and date in the designated location on the back of the return envelope and include a witness signature. It does not have to be notarized.

Mail-In Absentee ballots can be returned in the sealed pre-paid envelope via mail or by using the drop box at the Voter Registration office in Conway. Voters can also hand deliver the envelope to anyone working at Voter Registration during office hours. If anyone other than the voter is returning a ballot to Voter Registration or their drop box, they must have a completed Authorization to Return Absentee Ballot form, which is available at the Voter Registration office.

Mail-In Absentee ballots cannot be returned to your polling location on election day.