



FAMILIES FOR FAMILIES

## VOTER RESOURCES

Most questions concerning voting and elections can be answered by looking in the “Elections and Voting” section on the [Secretary of the State’s](#) website.

You can also call the Secretary of State’s office at 860 509-6200.

For questions regarding the rights of voters with disabilities go to the website of the [Office of Protection & Advocacy](#).

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### VOTER REGISTRATION

- The deadline to register to vote in CT is October 23 by mail, October 30 in person. Applications must be returned to the Registrar of Voters in the town where you reside.
- To register to vote in Connecticut you must be a US citizen, a resident of CT and at least 17 years old (must be age 18 by Election Day).
- People with disabilities cannot be denied the right to register or vote unless a probate court issues a specific order prohibiting this right.
- If you are not going to be in town on elections day you can and should vote by absentee ballot with your Town Clerk’s office. You can obtain an absentee ballot application online at the SOT website or in person at your Town Clerk’s office. A ballot can be mailed or given to you in person. For a ballot to be counted it must be returned no later than 8PM on election night, November 6, 2012.
- If you moved since the last election, you need to file change of address form with the Registrar’s of Voters office in your current town. You can find a list of all registrar offices in Connecticut on the Secretary of State website

## VOTING

- First time voters must show a photo id and a copy of a utility bill or government document which shows name and address. All other voters must show photo id. You may vote on either one of the two machines used in Connecticut. The optical scan machine requires the voter to choose candidates by filling in little circles on a paper ballot. The vote-by-phone machine is a telephone that works by audible cues. (Vote-by-phone must be done at you polling site.)
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- You have the right to inspect a sample ballot before voting and to receive instructions concerning how to operate voting equipment on sample voting equipment before voting.
- You have the right to ask for and receive assistance in voting, including assistance in other languages.
- You have the right to cast a provisional ballot if you have registered to vote but your name is not on the list.
- Poll workers may not question a person's right to vote based on their perception of a voter's lack of competence or ability. Poll workers may only challenge a person's right to vote based on questions related to identity, valid disenfranchisement (legal loss of voting rights) or residency.