

Voting in Charleston County

Accessible Elections for All Eligible Residents

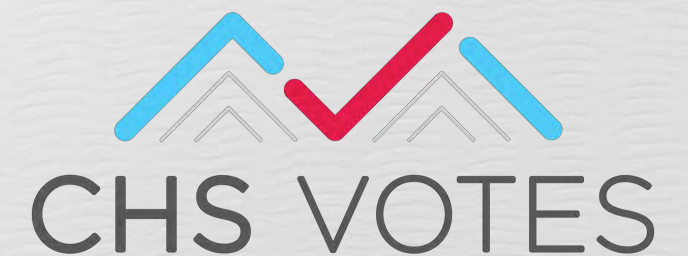
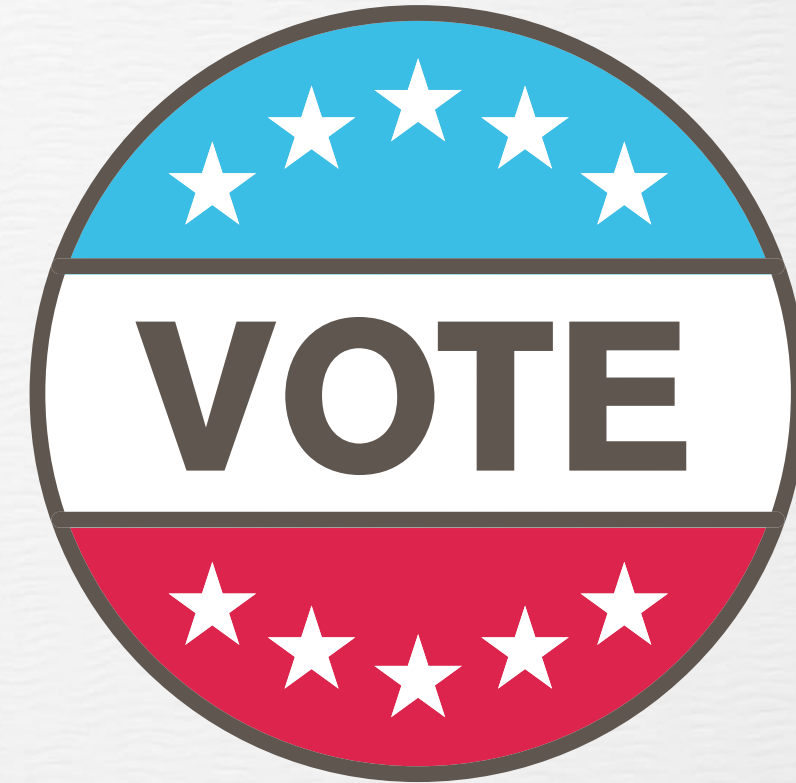


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Accommodations for Neurodivergent Voters

- ★ **Voting is important. But it can be challenging for people with different ways of thinking, like those who are neurodivergent.**
- ★ **According to an April 2024 report to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, “Participants with cognitive impairments or invisible/multiple disabilities discussed confusion and anxiety as challenges when voting. Participants with cognitive disabilities reported that confusion was their primary barrier...”¹**



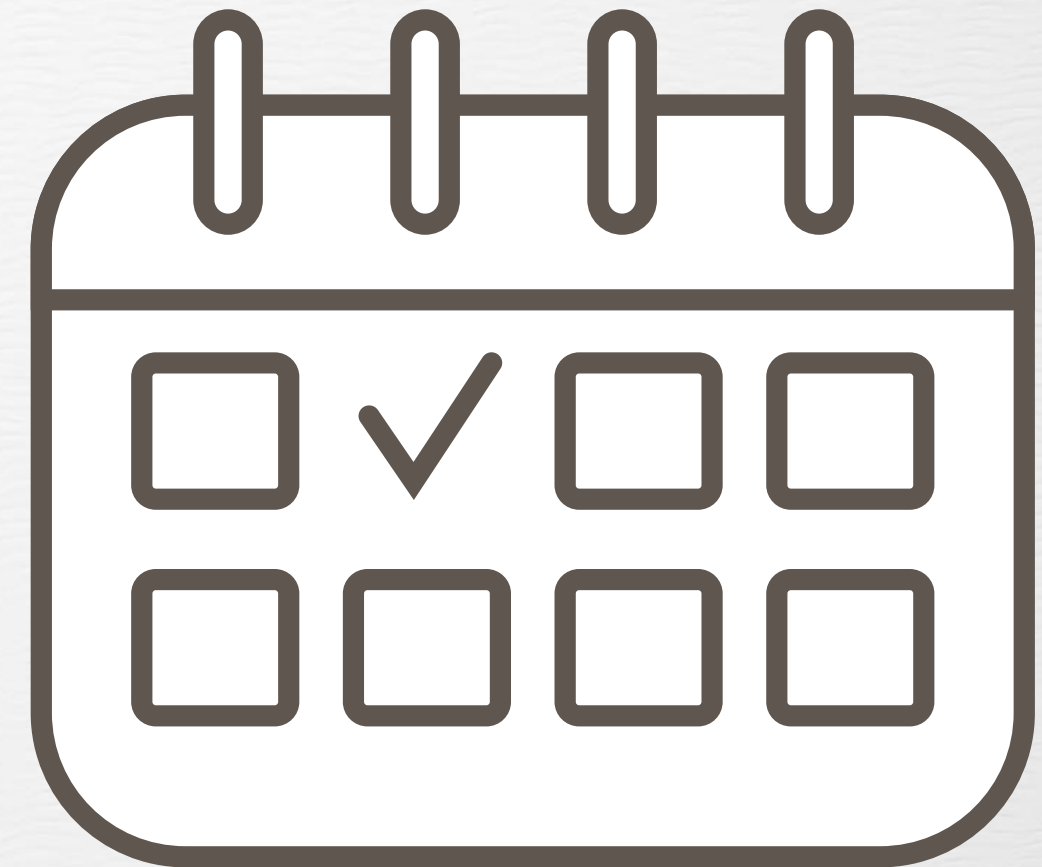
Why Making Voting Accessible Matters

- ★ **Our mission at CHS Votes is to ensure that every eligible voter is provided a welcoming and accessible environment to vote.**
- ★ **Accommodations are provided to make this possible.**



Important Dates for the 2024 General Election

- ★ **Register to Vote by: October 14, 2024**
- ★ **Early Voting Starts: October 21, 2024**
- ★ **Election Day: November 5, 2024**
- ★ **It's good to plan ahead so you have plenty of time to vote.**



Registering to Vote

- ★ You need to register to vote.
- ★ You can do this online, by mail, or in person.
- ★ Make sure you are registered before **October 14, 2024** if you want to vote this year.
- ★ If you're not sure if you're registered, you can check online at CHSVotes.gov or call the Charleston County election office at 843-744-8683.



Different Ways to Vote

- ★ **In-Person Voting: Go to your local polling place to vote. It might be noisy, so bring headphones if that helps.**
- ★ **Early Voting: Vote early at any early voting center to avoid the crowd. Early voting is usually quieter and less busy.**
- ★ **Absentee Voting: Vote by mail if you can't go in person. You need to qualify and to ask for an absentee ballot before October 25, 2024.**



Support at the Polls

- ★ **Curbside Voting:** Voters who can't enter a polling place or stand in line due to a disability or being age 65 or older can vote in person from their vehicle.
- ★ **Ask for Help:** You can bring someone to help you vote, or you can ask for help from an election worker. When you check in, let an election worker know if you'll need assistance.



Bee Hive Availability

★ **Just Bee's Bee Hive, which is a sensory safe space, will be available during select early voting times and locations for the Fall 2024 elections.**

★ ***Bee Hive Schedule:***

St. Paul's Hollywood Library

- **Tuesday, Oct. 22nd**
- **9 a.m. until 12 p.m.**

Essex Village Church of Christ

- **Thursday, Oct. 24th**
- **9 a.m. until 12 p.m.**

Election Headquarters

- **Monday, Oct. 28th through Wednesday, Oct. 30th**
- **9 a.m. until 12 p.m.**



How to Vote in Person



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Find Your Polling Location or Early Voting Center

Step 1

- ★ If you are voting in person on Election Day, you will go to your assigned polling location between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- ★ You can find it by visiting CHSVotes.gov and selecting the “Find my polling location” button.
- ★ You can vote early at any early voting center during the early voting period. To prepare to vote early, go to CHSVotes.gov and select the “Early Voting” button.



Checking in to Vote

Step 2

- ★ **Go into your polling location or early voting center while voting is happening.**
- ★ **A greeter will direct you to the check-in table.**
- ★ **If there are a lot of people voting, you may need to wait in line first.**



ID You Need to Vote

Step 3

- ★ **You need to show an ID when you vote in person.**
- ★ **A full list of accepted IDs can be found [here](#).**
- ★ **Once you're at the check-in table, give your ID to the election worker.**



Getting Your Ballot

Step 4

- ★ The election worker will look at your ID and will ask you for your name and address.
- ★ Once the election worker finds you in the pollbook, they will give you your ID back and will ask you to sign your name on a touchscreen.
- ★ After you sign your name, you will hear your ballot being printed.
- ★ You should let this election worker know if you will need help when voting.



Inserting Your Ballot

Step 5

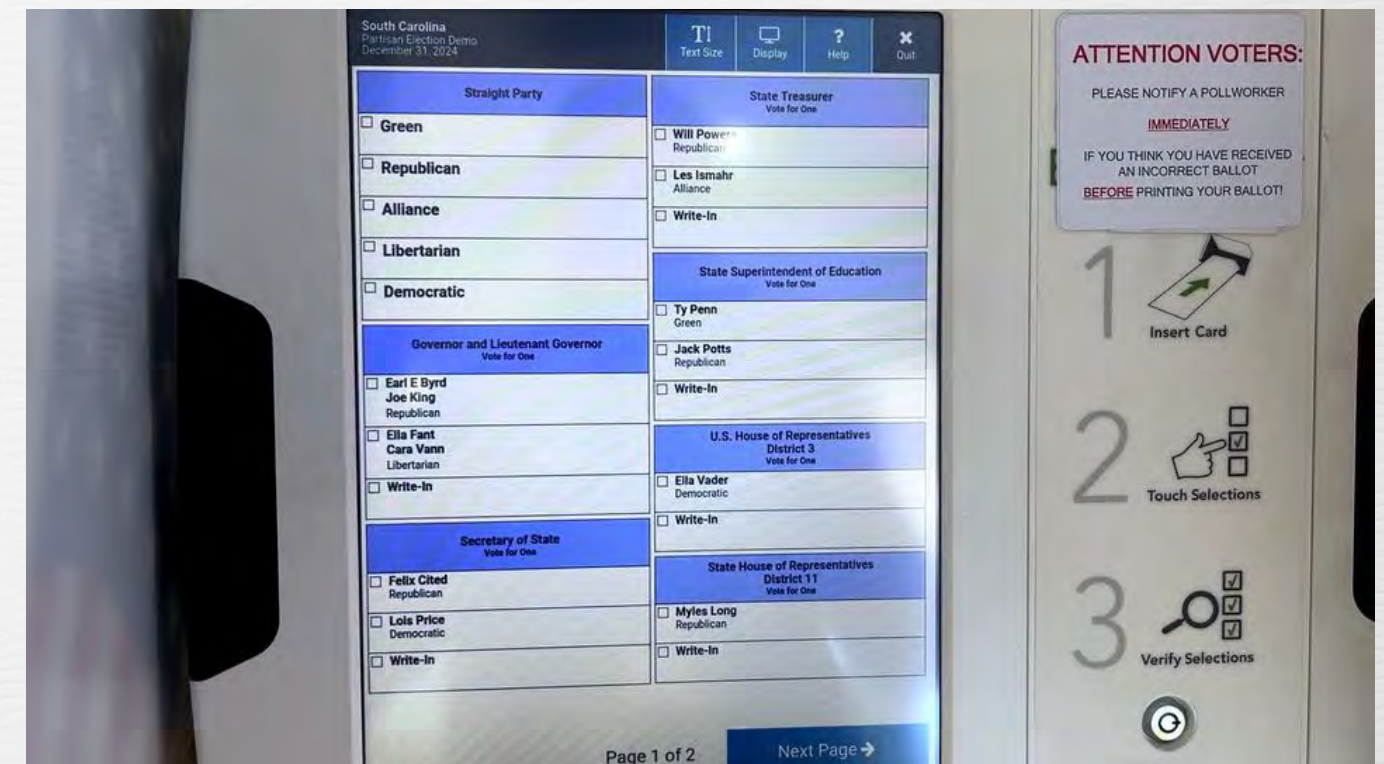
- ★ **The election worker will give you your ballot. You'll then take it to a ballot marking device.**
- ★ **Insert your ballot with the corner cut to the top right and following the green arrows.**
- ★ **After a moment, instructions will appear. You can read them.**
- ★ **Press the “start voting” button when you are ready to vote.**



Marking Your Ballot

Step 6

- ★ **The screen will change and will show all the contests you can vote in that day.**
- ★ **You'll make your selections by choosing who, or what, you'd like to vote for.**
- ★ **You do not need to make a selection in every contest if you do not want to.**
- ★ **Once you are done, use the “print ballot” button. The screen will ask you a second time to make sure you're ready to print your ballot. Select “print ballot” again when you are done.**



Reviewing Your Ballot

Step 7

- ★ After a few moments, your ballot will print out of the slot you had put it into before.
- ★ When it comes out, your ballot should now show the same choices you had made on the screen.
- ★ You can pull your ballot out and should review it to make sure your selections are on there correctly.



Casting Your Ballot

Step 8

- ★ You are now ready to cast your ballot!
- ★ An election worker will direct you to the scanner, which you will use to make your ballot count.
- ★ Insert your ballot into the scanner. An election worker may ask you to insert the ballot face down for privacy.



Finishing Up

Step 9

- ★ **After a moment, you should hear the ballot drop into a secure bin inside of the scanner.**
- ★ **The ballot will stay there and you will not be getting it back.**
- ★ **You will be given a sticker, which you can proudly wear to show the community that you did your civic duty.**
- ★ **You're done!**



Step 10

- ★ Live election results will be uploaded to [SCVotes.gov](https://scvotes.gov) on Election Night.
- ★ Your vote is one of many used to determine the winner of each contest.



Absentee Voting



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Voting Absentee by Mail

- ★ You can vote absentee by mail if you qualify.
- ★ A list of qualifying reasons can be found on CHSVotes.gov.



Requesting Your Absentee Ballot

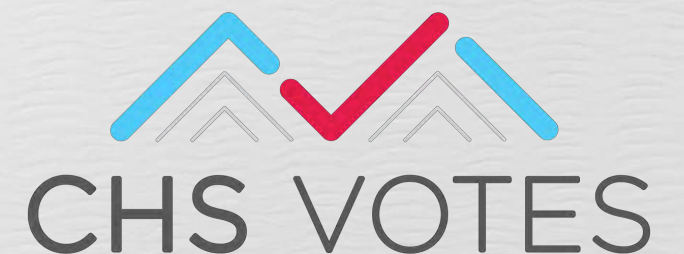
Step 1

There are a few ways for you or an [authorized representative](#) to request an absentee ballot:

- **Phone:** Call the elections office at 843-744-8683.
- **In Person:** Visit the office at 4340 Corporate Road in North Charleston.
- **Mail:** Send a [completed form](#) or a request that includes your name, date of birth, and the last four digits of your Social Security Number to:

PO Box 71419

North Charleston, SC 29415



Returning Your Application

Step 2

- ★ Applications must be returned to the elections office by 5:00 p.m. 11 days before the election.
- ★ Make sure your application is complete before you return it.



Receiving and Marking Your Ballot

Step 3

- ★ **Ballots are mailed starting about 30 days before an election.**
- ★ **When you get your ballot, make your selections on it as soon as possible.**
- ★ **You do not need to make a selection in every contest if you do not want to.**



Returning Your Ballot

Step 4

- ★ Seal and return your ballot by mail or in person to election headquarters as soon as you can.
- ★ Make sure your ballot envelope is signed by you and a witness. Be sure to write the date as well.
- ★ You can track your absentee ballot by visiting [SCVotes.gov](https://scvotes.gov).
- ★ Once your ballot is returned, you're done!



Ways to Make Voting More Comfortable

- ★ **Visit the Polling Place:** If you can, visit the place where you'll vote before Election Day so it feels more familiar.
- ★ **Go at a Quiet Time:** Try to go when it's not busy. This is typically at the very beginning and the end of the day.
- ★ **Bring Comfort Items:** Things like fidget toys or noise-canceling headphones can help you feel more at ease.



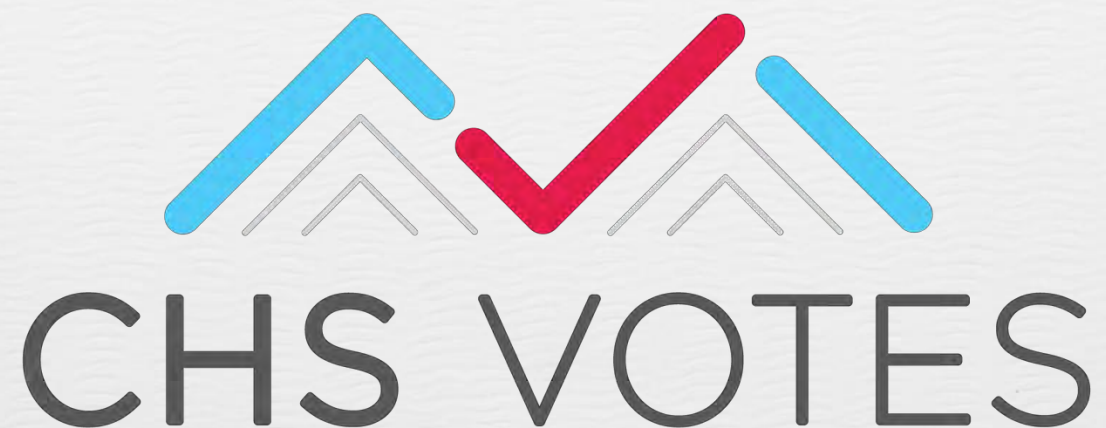
Share Your Voting Experience

- ★ **After you vote, think about how it went.**
- ★ **Be proud of your actions! Voting can be intimidating, but it's an important part of helping our country.**
- ★ **If you had a hard time, let someone know. Your feedback can help make voting better for others.**



Where to Get More Help

- ★ **Charleston County Board of Voter Registration and Elections**
They conduct all elections in Charleston County. You can call, email, or visit them if you have questions about voting.
- ★ **Just Bee**
They help neurodivergent people in Charleston County. They can offer support and advice with everyday tasks and your goals.



Your Vote is Important

- ★ **Voting is your chance to have a say in your community! If you need help, reach out. Your vote matters, and your voice is important.**

**USE YOUR
Vote**

Thank you!



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