



New Mandates

Voter Education

The Act requires the Secretary of State to inform voters of their rights. This includes a voter's right to a provisional ballot, to a responsive complaint procedure, and to ask questions at the polls.

Voters will trust what they know

California has developed a comprehensive Voter Bill of Rights to be published with all ballot materials and posted in every polling place. It includes the telephone number of the Voter Assistance Hotline.

Voter Bill of Rights

- ▶ You have the right to ask questions about election procedures.
- ▶ You have the right to receive a new ballot if, prior to casting your ballot, you believe you made a mistake.
- ▶ You have the right to a receipt indicating that an elections official received your ballot.
- ▶ You have the right to have your vote counted.
- ▶ You have the right to cast a ballot if you arrive before the polls close at 8pm.
- ▶ You have the right to review public information provided at a polling place.
- ▶ You have the right to cast a ballot if you are a properly registered voter.
- ▶ You have the right to cast a provisional ballot if you believe you are properly registered but your name is not listed on the voting rolls.
- ▶ You have the follow-up notification about the final status of a provisional ballot. Was it counted or not?

Keeping voters informed

The Act also requires that information must be posted at each polling place on Election Day to inform voters:

- ▶ how to vote [which may be confusing if a voter is using new technology]
- ▶ the hours that the polls are open
- ▶ a sample ballot
- ▶ voter identification requirements for new registrants
- ▶ general information on voter fraud