

# Massachusetts Voters' Bill of Rights


*Your voting rights are protected. These rights are guaranteed to qualified registered voters.*

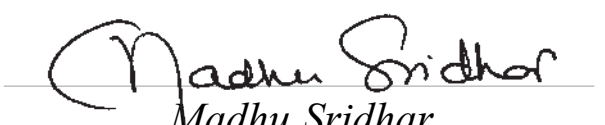
1. **You have the right** to vote if you are a qualified registered voter.
2. **You have the right** to cast your ballot in a manner that ensures privacy. You have the right to vote without any person trying to influence your vote and to vote in a booth that prevents others from watching you mark your ballot.
3. **You have the right** to remain in the voting booth for five minutes if there are other voters waiting and for ten minutes if there are no other voters waiting.
4. **You have the right** to receive up to two replacement ballots if you make a mistake and spoil your ballot.
5. **You have the right** to request assistance when voting from a poll worker or anyone of your choice.
6. **You have the right** to vote if you are disabled. The polling place must be accessible, and there must be an accessible voting booth.
7. **You have the right** to vote if you cannot read or write or cannot read or write English.
8. **You have the right** to vote but must show identification if: you are a first-time voter who registered to vote by mail and did not submit identification with the voter registration form; or your name is on the inactive voter list; or your vote is being challenged; or if requested by a poll worker. Acceptable forms of identification are: Massachusetts driver's license, other printed documentation containing your name and address such as a recent utility bill, rent receipt on landlord's letterhead, lease, or a copy of a voter registration acknowledgment or receipt.
9. **You have the right** to vote by absentee ballot if: you will be absent from your city or town on Election Day; or if you have a physical disability that prevents your voting at the polling place; or if you cannot vote at the polls due to religious belief.
10. **You have the right** to cast a provisional ballot if you believe you are a qualified registered voter but a poll worker tells you that you are ineligible to vote.
11. **You have the right** to follow up any challenge to your right to vote through the complaint process.
12. **You have the right** to vote if you are not currently incarcerated for a felony conviction and have registered as a voter after your release.
13. **You have the right** to take this Voters' Bill of Rights or any other papers, including a checklist, voter's guide or campaign material into the voting booth with you. Please remember to remove all papers when you leave the booth.
14. **You have the right** to vote at your polling place any time between 7 am and 8 pm for state and federal elections—hours may vary for local elections. If you are in line at your polling place when the polls close at 8 pm, you have the right to vote.
15. **You have the right** to bring your children into the voting booth with you. Children may not mark the ballot.

*If you feel that your right to vote has been violated in any way,  
call the Secretary of the Commonwealth's Elections Division at 1-800-462-VOTE (8683).*

*This call is free within Massachusetts.*

  
Mitt Romney  
Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

  
William F. Galvin  
Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

  
Madhu Sridhar  
President League of Women Voters of Massachusetts