

# Mass **VOTE** TOP 10 TIPS FOR VOTERS

[www.massvote.org](http://www.massvote.org)

## **1. VOTE EARLY.**

Turnout will be huge, so expect a line during peak hours. Vote between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. to avoid the rush. But don't worry – you have a right to vote if you're on line before 8 p.m., and polls will stay open until every voter in line votes.

## **2. CHECK YOUR REGISTRATION.**

If you've moved in the last year, haven't voted for a while, or for any other reason feel your registration may be in question, call the Secretary of State at 1 (800) 462-8683.

## **3. KNOW WHERE YOU VOTE.**

Some polling locations have changed in the last year. Call the Secretary of State's office, or check out [www.wheredoivotema.com](http://www.wheredoivotema.com) – and be sure to use the address at which you are registered!

## **4. DO YOUR HOMEWORK.**

The candidates are exciting this year, but so are the ballot questions. Know where you stand on eliminating the state income tax (Question #1), decriminalizing marijuana possession (#2), outlawing dog-racing (#3), and local ballot questions. And of course, research the candidates as well. [www.sec.state.ma.us/ele](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele) is a good place to start.

## **5. YOU MAY VOTE ABSENTEE IF..**

you will be out of town on Election Day or if you can't get to the polls due to physical disability or religious belief. Download the application at [www.massvote.org/absentee](http://www.massvote.org/absentee).

## **6. YOU MAY VOTE IF YOU HAVE A CORI, OR IF YOU'RE ON PAROLE OR PROBATION, SO LONG AS YOU'RE A REGISTERED VOTER.**

Only people currently incarcerated for a felony are not eligible.

## **7. BRING ID.**

Most voters are not asked for identification, but some are, especially those who are voting for the first time or who haven't voted in a few years. Your MA Driver's License will work, but so will a recent utility bill or rent receipt on landlord's letterhead.

## **8. BRING A FRIEND.**

You may bring anyone you choose with you into the voting booth (except your boss or union supervisor). Bring your children, or make it a romantic evening of dinner and democracy.

## **9. MARK BOTH SIDES OF THE BALLOT, AND IF YOU MAKE A MISTAKE, ASK FOR A NEW ONE.**

You have the right to receive up to two replacement ballots if you make a mistake and spoil yours.

## **10. GET HELP AT THE POLLS.**

Do you have difficulty speaking English? A disability? A question? You have the right to get help from the poll workers.



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