

- If you did not receive an NVRAC card with your polling location, you may not be properly registered and you should contact the Office of Elections.

What if I have a disability?

- Polling locations strive to be accessible to all voters, and measures are taken to ensure that a variety of disability accommodations are available. You may bring a helper of your choice to the polling location with you;

- Most polling places are set up to allow curbside voting for persons with disabilities. To request this, please honk your horn when you drive up. If you have any concerns about disability accommodations, contact the Office of Elections.

• Can I get a ballot in my native language?

Ballots are available in English, Japanese, Chinese, and Ilocano. You may bring a person of your choice into the polling booth with you to help you with translation.

What if I need help in the voting booth?

Any voter may bring any helper in the polling booth with them, with the exception of their employer, agent of their employer union. Poll workers can help in the polling booth, provided that there are 2 poll workers present and the poll workers are not of the same political affiliation.

How do I find out about the candidates?

Visit candidate websites, attend candidate debates and fora, and see if organizations you support also do any candidate assessments or make any endorsements (the ACLU of Hawai'i is non-partisan and never endorses candidates).

Do I have to show photo ID?

NO, so long as you are properly registered to vote and have voted in the past. If you don't have photo or other identification, you will be asked your birthday and residence address (or area if you do not have an address) to corroborate the information provided in the poll book. If a poll worker is unfamiliar with this process and tries to stop you from voting because you do not have a photo ID, ask to speak with a Voter Assistance Official. If that person is unable or unwilling to help you, ask them to contact the Office of Elections hotline.

Your first time voting, you are required to show proof of identification, which may include: a state issued driver's license or photo ID card, passport, current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or government document that shows your name and address.

What if I am transgender?

You have the right to vote even if you cannot provide photo identification or if you have multiple forms of ID with different gender designations. You should be treated with respect and courtesy at the polling place by poll workers – NO questions about your gender expression, body, or medical treatment are ever appropriate. Remember, poll workers' only job is to ensure that the person presenting themselves to vote is the registered voter in their records.

So long as you are properly registered to vote, you cannot be denied a ballot because the poll worker does not believe that your name, dress or appearance "match" the gender listed on your ID. Feel free to ask the poll book worker to consult the "Voter Assistance Official" at the precinct, or the Precinct Chair if there is any concern.

For more information

Hawai'i Office of Elections:
<http://elections.hawaii.gov/>

The League of Women Voters of Hawai'i:
<http://www.lwv-hawaii.com/>

Common Cause Hawai'i:
<http://www.commoncause.org/states/hawaii/>

National ACLU Voting Rights Project's Let People Vote: Removing Restrictions and Barriers to Voting in America Voter Suppression:
<http://www.aclu.org/letpeoplevote>

Has your right to vote been violated?

Use the web form found at www.acluhi.org (see "need legal help?") or write: ACLU of Hawai'i, P.O. Box 3410, Honolulu, HI 96801.

Hawai'i State Office of Elections, 802 Lehua Ave., Pearl City, HI 96782 or elections@hawaii.gov

Key dates: elections.hawaii.gov/voters/

- **2016 Primary Election: 8/13/16**
- **General Election Registration Dead line: 10/10/16**
- **2016 General Election: 11/8/16**



Aloha!

The right to vote is fundamental, and the American Civil Liberties Union ("ACLU") works throughout the nation to defend it for all. This Hawai'i-specific Voting Rights Guide is for for the 2016 elections.

Established in 1965, the ACLU of Hawai'i works in the courts, with lawmakers and in our communities to advance and protect the rights guaranteed in the U.S. & Hawai'i State Constitutions. The ACLU is strictly non-partisan and never endorses candidates or parties. www.acluhawaii.org



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In a democratic nation, voting is a right, not a privilege! Attempts to suppress voters' rights, often through discriminatory practices, have made it all the more important for us all to know and demand our right to vote!

Vote to empower yourself, your family and your community. Vote so that the needs of your community are addressed by those in office. Vote because your voice is important and deserves to be heard.

Revised June 2016. This information is general in nature and not intended to be legal advice, for legal advice, consult an attorney.

As a Hawai'i resident, you have the right to:

- Vote, either in person or through an absentee ballot, as long as you are properly registered;
- Vote without providing a driver's license or other government-issued identification card (unless you are a first-time voter who did not show I.D. while registering);
- Vote for anyone you want, no matter what – no one has the right to coerce, manipulate, or force your vote! You have the right to make your own voting decisions. The exception to this rule is that in the Primary Election, you must choose one political party on your ballot and select only candidates from that political party;

- Get another ballot if you make a mistake;

- Vote in secret – you don't have to tell or show anyone who or what you vote for or what political party you belong to. Again, the exception to this is in the Primary Election, you must select one political party on your ballot and vote within that party.

- Be provided with appropriate accommodation at the polls if you are disabled. If you wish, you may bring someone with you in the polling booth to assist;

- Vote by absentee ballot if you meet the registration deadline;

- Challenge another person's right to vote on the basis of identity and/or residency;

- Leave work for a maximum of 2 hours for the sole purpose of voting on Election Day – only if it is not possible for you to vote before or after your scheduled shift;

- Challenge decisions of the county clerk or precinct official;

- Register and vote if you are homeless – As long as you meet the requirements to vote (U.S. citizen, Hawai'i resident, over 18) – your housing status does not affect your right to vote. You may register and vote whether homeless, permanently or temporarily housed, or if you are living in a shelter, halfway house, or any other non-permanent housing.

If you have questions about sign-waving and other free speech activities, please visit our "First Amendment Toolkit" at www.acluhi.org.

Registering To Vote

Is this your first time voting? Have you moved since the last election? If you don't know your current registration status, you may need to register for the first time or re-register. Don't worry, it's easy! For information about how to register and vote, visit <https://olvr.hawaii.gov>. Access forms, instructions, and more information about voter registration at <http://elections.hawaii.gov/>

Can I vote in Hawai'i?

Yes, so long as you are properly registered to vote; are a U.S. citizen and resident of Hawai'i; are over the age of 18. What if I'm nearly 18? Hawai'i law allows qualified individuals to pre-register at sixteen (16) years of age. Upon reaching eighteen (18) years of age, they will be automatically registered. For more information about the rights of youth up to the age of 18 in Hawai'i, visit our Youth Rights Guide!

What if I've been convicted of a crime?

You cannot vote if you are currently serving a prison sentence for a felony conviction. The ACLU would like to change that. You can vote:

- If you are charged with a felony crime and are out on bail, but have not yet been convicted;
- If you are an incarcerated pre-trial detainee;
- If you are on parole or probation for a felony conviction. You regain your right to vote as soon as you complete your jail or prison sentence, but you still must (re)register;
- If you are currently incarcerated for a misdemeanor conviction.

What if I don't have an address?

You can vote even if you don't have a fixed address. See information here, or visit: <https://acluhi.org/homelessness-in-the-city-county-of-honolulu-know-your-rights/#action>

What if I've moved or changed my name?

If you moved or changed your name since the last time you voted, you must re-register. However, you may still be able to vote on the day of the election – check in with the Voter Assistance Official at your precinct.

How do I know if I'm registered?

Check with the Office of Elections at (808) 453-8683, or visit <https://olvr.hawaii.gov/>

Voting early or absentee

Vote early either absentee or in person. <http://elections.hawaii.gov/voters/early-voting/>.

A completed and sealed absentee ballot can be dropped off by anyone (even if not the voter) at **any polling place** anywhere on the island. Don't forget to have the voter sign the outside! Also, you can surrender your absentee ballot to get a paper ballot at your polling place on Election Day if you prefer to vote in person.

Voting on Election Day:

Polls generally open at 7:00 am and close at 6:00 pm. However, anyone in line at 6:00 pm will be allowed to vote.

Where do I vote?

- Registered voters will be notified of their polling location via a yellow Notice of Voter Registration and Address Confirmation (NVRAC) card with your polling place located on it sent by the County Clerk. You may not vote at another polling location, but you may drop off an absentee ballot at any polling location. (over)