

# **ELECTION PROTECTION** **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE**

## **1-866-OUR VOTE**

### **ORLEANS PARISH VOTERS' BILL OF RIGHTS**

**APRIL 22, 2006 ELECTIONS**

**February 23, 2006**

1. If you are a registered voter who has been displaced as a result of Hurricane Katrina or Rita, **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE** in your home parish if you have not registered to vote in another parish or state.
2. **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE** during the early voting period from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday - Thursday, April 10-13, 2006; and 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Saturday, April 15, 2006 in Orleans Parish at 1300 Perdido Street, Room 1W23, New Orleans or (for Ward 15 only) 225 Morgan Street, New Orleans.
3. On Election Day, each polling place opens at 6:00 a.m. and closes at 8:00 p.m. If you are in line at the polling place when the polls close at 8:00 p.m., **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE** in the election. Polling places have been consolidated and will likely be different from your usual precinct location. Please refer to the Secretary of State's website or call 1-800-883-2805 for polling place information.
4. **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE WITHOUT PRESENTING ANY PHOTO IDENTIFICATION TO ELECTION OFFICIALS.** If you do not have photo identification, you must sign an affidavit and verify your identity, by providing a current registration certificate, your date of birth or providing other information stated in the precinct register that the commissioners request from you.
5. If you cannot read, or you are blind or have another physical disability, **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE ASSISTED WITH VOTING.** You can choose to have a commissioner or any other person – except your employer, agent of your employer, an agent of your union, a commissioner-in-charge or a candidate in the election – help you. You have the right to receive assistance on Election Day even if you have not previously filed a statement with the registrar so long as you provide on Election Day, a physician's or optometrist's certificate verifying your disability with an explanation stating why you need assistance (not needed for reason of illiteracy). You also have the right to such assistance while early voting or absentee voting.
6. **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REQUEST ANOTHER POLLING LOCATION** if your polling place is inaccessible to you because of a physical handicap. In order to vote at a polling location outside of your precinct, you must produce satisfactory evidence of your handicap to the registrar of voters of your parish at least ten days before Election Day. In addition, you must notify the registrar of voters immediately if your need for this accommodation ends.

7. When you are within 600 feet of a polling place entrance or exit or you are inside the polling place or room, **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO WAIT TO VOTE (OR VOTE)** without anyone electioneering or anyone trying to influence your vote in any way.
8. If you have been convicted of a felony, **YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE IS AUTOMATICALLY RESTORED** upon completion of all periods of incarceration, probation or parole. In order to have your registration reinstated, you must appear in person at the office of the registrar and provide documentation from the appropriate correction official showing that you have completed all periods of incarceration, probation or parole.
9. **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT** to bring your child or children (12 years of age or younger) into the voting booth with you.

**To contact the Louisiana Secretary of State:**

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