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However, if (a) you are voting in a federal election for the first time; (b) you registered to vote by mail; *and*, (c) you didn't provide ID when you registered, you must either show an ID to vote *or* cast a *Provisional Ballot*. A provisional ballot may not be counted unless you bring ID to your electoral board's office by November 3. (VA Code 24.2-643(e))

Acceptable IDs: Virginia driver's license, government ID, employee ID with photo, or voter card. If the first-time federal voter requirements apply, a utility bill, bank statement, or other document with name and address is also acceptable.

- 2. If I'm in line when the polls close, can I still vote?** Yes! You have the right to vote if you are in line by 7 p.m. when the polls close. (VA Code 24.2-603)
- 3. Can I wear campaign apparel when going to vote?** Yes! You are allowed to wear apparel and buttons or stickers that contain a candidate's name or a political slogan to the polls. (VA Code 24.2-604(k))
- 4. What should I do if I have moved since the '09 election?** If you did not notify the registrar of your move, you may still vote in your old precinct in this year's election. (VA Code 24.2-401) *You should notify your local registration office before the next registration deadline in order to vote in your new precinct in the next election.*



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- 6. What if someone challenges my eligibility to vote even though I am on the list of registered voters?** Ask for an *Affirmation of Eligibility* form. You have a right to vote if you sign this form. (VA Code 24.2-651-651.1)

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- 8. What if I need instructions on how to use the voting equipment?** Ask a poll worker for help. Poll workers are required to assist you at any time you ask—even if you have entered the voting booth. (VA Code 24.2-647)

- 9. What if I need help in the voting booth because of a physical disability or I have trouble reading or writing?** Ask a poll worker for a *Request for Assistance* form. You have a right to have a poll worker, friend, or relative help you in the voting booth if you sign this form. (VA Code 24.2-649 (b))

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