If you can’t figure out where you’re registered, go to the polling place that you think is most likely to be the right one and ask for a provisional ballot. You have the right to cast a provisional ballot even if you’re not sure that you’re at the right polling place.

What if someone challenges my right to vote?
- Election judges will ask you some questions and rule on the challenge. If the judges rule against you unaniuously, you have the right to cast a special ballot, but that ballot will not be counted. If the judges don’t rule against you unanimously, you have the right to cast a regular ballot. Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 2-7-102, 2-7-123, 2-7-125.

What if I make a mistake on my ballot or the voting machine malfunctions?
- Tell a poll worker before you cast your vote. If you spoil a paper ballot, you have the right to up to three replacement ballots as long as you catch your mistake before you cast your ballot. If your voting machine malfunctions, the election judges will decide whether you should vote on a different machine or on a paper ballot. Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 2-7-119, 2-7-120.

What if someone tries to intimidate or harass me?
- Tell a poll worker right away. If the poll worker is the problem, tell a poll watcher, call your county election commission, or call one of the political parties, and nonprofit groups may also have poll watchers at your polling place to assist you. If any of those people ask you who you voted for, or if they can’t resolve your complaint, call your county election commission or the Secretary of State.

Can I get a ballot in my native language?
- Election materials in Tennessee are generally available in English only, but you have the right to bring an interpreter with you to the polls or to get assistance in your language from anyone you choose, including a poll worker, as long as the person is not your employer, an agent of your employer, or an officer or agent of your labor union. Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-7-112.

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If you need instructions on how to use the voting equipment, ask a poll worker for help. Poll workers are required to help you at any time you ask—even after you’ve entered the voting booth.

Tips for Avoiding Problems

- Vote early in the day to avoid the last-minute rush.
- Bring some form of identification.
- Read all instructions carefully.
- Ask for help if you need it.

Take your time. You have up to 5 minutes in the voting booth to cast your ballot if other voters are waiting and 10 minutes otherwise. Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-7-118.

Protect your right to vote—take this card with you to the polls.

2010 Tennessee EMPOWERMENT CARD

When is Election Day?
- Tuesday, November 2

When are the polls open?
- Polls will open between 6 a.m. and 10 a.m. and will close at 8 p.m. in the Eastern time zone and 7 p.m. in the Central time zone.

Where do I vote?
- On Election Day, you have to vote at the polling place to which you’re assigned.
- Your assigned polling place will be listed on the voter registration card that you should receive in the mail when you register.
- If you don’t have your card, you can call your county election commission or look up your polling place online at http://tnmap.state.tn.us/voterviewpk.

Can I get time off from work to vote?
- Maybe. If your work schedule begins less than 3 hours after the polls open and ends less than 3 hours before the polls close, you have the right to take time off from work (up to three hours of which must be paid) in order to vote. You have to notify your employer by noon on Monday, November 1, and your employer has the right to specify when you have to get to work. Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-1-106.

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- No, but you do have to show ID if you’ve been convicted of a felony or if you’re a noncitizen. If you’re a noncitizen, you have to show a current Tennessee driver’s license, a U.S. passport, or a foreign passport from a nation that has entered into an agreement with Tennessee to provide identification cards.

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