

Mass **VOTE** TOP 10 TIPS FOR VOTERS

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** – 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** 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**.
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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