



# CAIR PENNSYLVANIA VOTING GUIDE

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PBCEL Email: [RA-BCEL@pa.gov](mailto:RA-BCEL@pa.gov)

PBCEL Website: <http://www.votespa.com>

## When and Where to Vote:

- Election Day is Tuesday, November 6, 2012.
- Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Find your local polling station at [http://www.votespa.com/portal/server.pt/community/where\\_to\\_vote/13520](http://www.votespa.com/portal/server.pt/community/where_to_vote/13520).
- Here are some other ways to find your polling place:

## Contact Your State Democratic Party

- Phone: (717) 920-8470
- Website: <http://www.padems.com>

## Contact Your State Republican Party

- Phone: (717) 234-4901
- Website: <http://www.pagop.org>

## Contact Your Local CAIR Chapter

- **CAIR Philadelphia**  
Phone: (215) 592-0509  
Email: [info@philadelphia.cair.com](mailto:info@philadelphia.cair.com)  
Website: <http://pa.cair.com>
- **CAIR Pittsburgh**  
Phone: (412) 606-3601  
Contact: <http://pa.cair.com/pitt/contact>  
Website: <http://pa.cair.com/pitt>

## How to Register to Vote:

- To register, print the voter registration form from [http://www.votespa.com/portal/server.pt/community/register\\_to\\_vote/13518](http://www.votespa.com/portal/server.pt/community/register_to_vote/13518), and mail it to your local election authority.
- Re-register to vote if you have moved, changed your name, or would like to declare an official party affiliation. If your voter registration information has not changed, you do not need to re-register.
- Registration must be received by October 9, 2012.

## What to Bring on Election Day:

- Bring a photo ID with your current address, such as a Pennsylvania driver's license, your state ID, or a US Passport.
- If you do not have a photo ID with a current address, bring two IDs that contain your name and address, such as a utility bill, a bank statement, a paycheck etc.
- You cannot be turned away from voting because you did not bring proper identification. If you do not have a proper ID, you can vote using a provisional ballot.

## Absentee Voting:

- Absentee voting is available for registered voters that qualify.
- Request an absentee voting application from <http://www.votespa.com/portal/server.pt?open=514&objID=1174088&parentname=ObjMgr&parentid=7&mode=2>, and mail it to your local election authority.
- Absentee ballots can be requested no later than 5:00 p.m. on October 30, 2012.
- Ballots must be received by 5:00 p.m. on November 2, 2012.
- Voters are strongly encouraged to go to the polls to vote if possible.

## Early Voting:

- Early voting is not available in Pennsylvania.

## Your Rights as a Pennsylvania Voter are as Follows:

- To vote if you have registered by October 9, 2012.

- To have questions concerning voting procedures answered and to receive assistance if needed.
- To vote without being intimidated, threatened, or coerced.
- To vote if you are eligible to do so even if you do not bring an ID to the polls.
- To vote using a provisional ballot if your registration comes into question.
- If you feel that your rights are violated or you witness a violation of rights in the registration or voting process, please contact the Pennsylvania Department of State at (1-877) 868-3772.
- Your vote is private – The ballots are processed in such a way that your identity will not be distinguishable from your ballot.

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