

ACTIONS TO EXPAND VOTING RIGHTS

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REGISTER TO VOTE WITHOUT AN ADDRESS

Persons without an address can register and vote in all 50 states.

You can list as your address:

- A shelter address where you can receive mail
- Street corner
- Park

For more information:

nationalhomeless.org/campaigns/voting/

CALL YOUR STATE REPRESENTATIVES AND DEMAND:

(Note: many depend on the laws of your state)

- Support for absentee voting.
(This is particularly important during the pandemic. Also, when incarcerated people are able to vote, they usually use an absentee ballot.)
- No ID requirements to vote.
- Legislation to let incarcerated and formerly incarcerated people vote. (For more information visit sentencingproject.org).
- To abolish “Restitution Fines” for previously incarcerated people, forcing people to pay a fine before regaining their right to vote, as practiced in Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, Iowa, Connecticut, Tennessee, Washington, and Florida.
- Legislation to let residents of U.S. Territories to vote in the Presidential Elections.
- To maintain and expand early voting at all polls.
- To make pre-registration for 16 and 17-year-olds ubiquitous.
- To allow non-citizens to vote after six months of inhabiting a city, as was practiced in 1870 when 20 states allowed non-citizen voting.
- To allow non-citizens to vote in local elections, like school board elections, as an effort to expand non-citizen voting rights to national elections.
- To fight “Use it or Lose it” rules in all states. (These decisions are used to purge voter registration of people that have not voted in the past several elections.)

VOTER HOTLINES:

- English: 866-OUR-VOTE or (866-687-8683)
- Spanish: 888-Ve-Y-Vota
- Mandarin, Cantonese, Korean, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Urdu, Hindi, and Bengali: 888-API-VOTE
- Arabic: 844-Yalla-US
- American Sign Language (ASL): 301-818-VOTE

- Text option: Text OUR VOTE to 97779

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