

## Your Basic Voting Rights

\* Unsure of how to use the voting machines? Ask a poll worker for a demonstration or further instruction on the voting process

\* If your registration is challenged, ask for a provisional ballot or a paper ballot

\* If the polls close while you're waiting in line, you still have the right to vote, ask for a paper ballot

\* You can vote for the candidate of your choice, don't let anyone tell you who to vote for, or how to vote

\* Before your vote is cast and counted, be sure to verify your selection

### **What do I take to the polls?**

Your voter registration card and government issued identification card or driver's license.

### **What if I don't have an I.D. when voting?**

Show the poll worker your social security card or a piece of mail with your address on it. If you don't have either, you'll be asked to sign an affidavit of personhood.

### **What if I don't have an address?**

You don't need an address to vote, but to get a voter registration card, you do. If you don't have an address, you can contact us at (901) 725-4990, and we will help you locate a temporary organization's address where you can have your voter card mailed to you.

## Absentee Voting

Registered voters who will be unable to vote at the polls on Election Day may cast absentee ballots by mail for 1 or more of the following reasons:

- \* Out of the Country
- \* Full time student or the spouse of one
- \* Hospitalization, sickness, or physical disability
- \* Permanent absentee status because of health
- \* Juror in federal or state court
- \* Observance of a religious holiday
- \* Candidate for office in the election
- \* 65 years of age or older

To get an absentee ballot, mail a letter to the Shelby County Election Commission (address below), and include voter name, address, social security number, signature, reason for absentee voting, and specify the election the voter wants to vote in.

**Shelby County Election Commission**  
**157 Poplar Ave, Suite 109**  
**Memphis, TN 38103-1999**

Written requests will not be accepted earlier than 90 days prior to the election, and no less than 7 days before an election.

## Restoring Voting Rights

If you have been convicted of a felony, you may still be eligible to vote. To have your voting rights restored, contact one of the groups below to help you begin the process.

### **Community Legal Center**

910 Vance Ave.  
Memphis, TN 38126  
Meg Jones \_ (901)543-3395

### **Redeem Your Rights**

1077 W. Raines Rd.  
Memphis, TN 38109  
Cheryl Nibley\_ (901) 212-6244

### **TN State Government, Judicial Dept.**

5050 Poplar Ave.  
Memphis, TN 38157  
Hon. Judge J.C. McLin\_ (901) 685-1270

## 2008 Election Calendar

October 6, 2008 = Registration Deadline  
October 15, 2008 = Early Voting Starts  
October 30, 2008 = Early Voting Ends  
November 4, 2008 = Election Day



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## Early Voting (EV) Locations

\* **Shelby County Election Commission**

157 Poplar Ave, Ste 121  
Memphis, TN 38103

\* **Berclair Church of Christ**

4536 Summer Ave.  
Memphis, TN 38122

\* **Dave Wells Community Center**

915 Chelsea Ave.  
Memphis, TN 38107

\* **Pyramid Recovery Center**

1883 South 3rd St.  
Memphis, TN 38109

\* **Mississippi Blvd. Church**

70 N. Bellevue Blvd.  
Memphis, TN 38104

\* **New Bethel Baptist Church**

7786 Poplar Pike  
Memphis, TN 38138

\* **Annoited Temple of Praise**

3939 Riverdale Rd.  
Memphis, TN 38141

\* **Glenview Community Center**

1141 S. Barksdale St.  
Memphis, TN 38114

Contact the election commission at (901)  
545-2600 for a full list of EV locations

**To find your Voting Location:**

Call (901) 545-4123 or (901) 545-3836 and provide  
your address. Your district and voting precinct  
(location) will then be given to you

**For Questions or more info Contact:**

Shelby County Election Commission  
(901) 545-2600  
[www.shelbyvote.com](http://www.shelbyvote.com)

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October 6, 2008

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