

THE NEW VOTING MACHINES

Q. What if I don't know how to use the new voting machine?

A. The poll worker has to show you how the machine works before you vote, if you ask. Poll workers also have to help you vote if you want their help. In each voting booth, there should also be signs with directions on how to use the machine. If you don't see a sign, ask.

Q. What if the computer screen is not in my language?

A. You can bring someone with you into the booth to translate. You may need to fill out a form so that the person can go into the booth with you. **If you speak Spanish, Creole, or English, you can choose the language you want your screen to be in.** If you make a mistake, ask a poll worker to help you change it.

Q. What if I don't know who to vote for in a race or how to vote on a question?

A. You do not have to vote in every race or question. You can vote in all of them, some of them, or none of them – it's your choice.

Q. What if I make a mistake?

A. You can change your choices as many times as you want before you press the flashing red "VOTE" button.

Q. What if the machine malfunctions?

A. Tell a poll worker immediately.

REMEMBER!

You have **NOT** voted until you press the flashing red button at the top of the machine that looks like this:



DON'T FORGET

to **press the flashing red button** after making and checking your choices!

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MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT!

A non-partisan election day question-and-answer guide for Miami-Dade voters

BEFORE ELECTION DAY

Call the Supervisor of Elections at 305-375-4600 if...

- you've moved – to give your new address.
- you're not sure where your polling place is.
- you've not gotten your voter registration card after registering or changing your address.

Call the Supervisor of Elections at 305-375-5858 if...

- you want an absentee ballot (you must get your request for an absentee ballot to the Supervisor before noon at least 4 days before the election).

If you have a felony conviction...

and you have not had your rights restored, you are not eligible to vote. Call 850-488-2952 to get an application for restoration of your civil and voting rights, or call the ACLU at 305-576-2337 ext. 19.

If you think you have been unfairly taken off the roll...

call the Supervisor of Elections at 305-375-5553. If you cannot work it out with the Supervisor, contact the ACLU at 305-576-2337 ext. 19.

The Supervisor of Elections is on the web at <http://elections.miamidade.gov/>.

ELECTION DAY

Q. What if I'm not on the voter roll?

A. A poll worker should check to see if you are a registered voter by looking in a computer list while you are still at the poll. Make sure the poll worker checks the full list of voters and not just the one for your precinct. If the poll worker tells you that you cannot vote, you have the right to a reason.

Q. What if the poll worker says I can't vote but I think I can?

A. If the poll worker says you cannot vote but you think you can, you can use a **provisional ballot**. The provisional ballot lets you make choices just like regular voting. The big difference is that your choices **will not be counted** unless it is later decided that you were eligible to vote and you voted in the right precinct. **Be careful about using a provisional ballot – see below.**

Q. What if the poll worker gives me a provisional ballot?

A. Before you vote on a provisional ballot, **MAKE SURE** you are in the right precinct for your up-to-date address. Give the poll worker your address and ask whether you are in the right precinct. **If you use a provisional ballot in the wrong precinct, your vote will NOT count.**

ELECTION DAY

Q. Should I use a provisional ballot when I just need to change my address?

A. **No.** Ask for a change of address form at the polling place for your new address. **Do not use a provisional ballot just because your address has changed.**

Q. What if I forgot my ID?

A. You can still vote if your name is on the voter roll and you sign a form verifying your name and address. You can't be denied the right to vote just because you didn't bring your ID or your voter registration card.

Q. What if I can't read the ballot or I have a disability that makes it hard to vote?

A. If you need help to vote, you have the right to bring someone you choose into the booth with you. Ask a poll worker first because you may need to fill out a form. You can also ask the poll workers to help. They have to help you.

Q. What if a friend or family member asks for my help?

A. You can go into the voting booth with a friend or family member if they ask you to, and they need help in voting because of a disability, because they can't read, or because they need help with the language. The friend or family member may need to fill out a form.

ELECTION DAY

Q. What if I moved and didn't give the elections office my new address?

A. If you moved within Miami-Dade County and you are a registered voter in Miami-Dade County, you should go to the polling place for your **NEW** address. Call 305-375-4600 to find out where that is. When you get there, ask to see the precinct clerk. Tell the clerk you need to fill out a change of address form. Once you have filled out the form and the clerk or poll worker has checked to make sure you are registered, you should be able to vote.

Q. What if I show up at the wrong polling place?

A. Poll workers have to tell you which polling place you should go to. If they don't, you can call the elections office yourself at 305-375-4600. You must vote in the precinct for where you currently live. **If you vote in the wrong polling place, your vote may not count.**

Q. What if I'm in line when the polls close?

A. You still have a right to vote.

Q. What if someone tries to intimidate me?

A. Tell a poll worker right away. If the poll worker is the problem, call the Supervisor of Elections at 305-375-5553, tell a poll watcher, or call the ACLU at 305-576-2337 ext. 19.