

## **REGISTERING TO VOTE**

### **WHO CAN REGISTER TO VOTE?**

In order to vote, South Carolina law requires that you must register to vote at least 30 days prior to an election. To be eligible to register in South Carolina you MUST:

Be a United States citizen, be at least 18 years old on or before the next election

Be a resident of South Carolina, this county and precinct

Not be under a court order declaring you mentally incompetent

Not be confined in any public prison resulting from a conviction of a crime

Never have been convicted of a felony or offense against the elections laws OR if previously convicted, have served the entire sentence, including probation or parole, or have received a pardon for the conviction.

There is no length of residency requirement in South Carolina in order to register to vote. You can register at any time. *Residents of South Carolina do not register by party.*

### **HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE?**

A citizen who wishes to register to vote may:

Register in person at the Cherokee County Voter Registration and Elections office, or

Register online at [www.scvotes.org](http://www.scvotes.org)

Download a form, complete it, and mail it to the Cherokee County Voter Registration and Elections office, or

Download a form, complete it, and fax it to the Cherokee County Voter Registration and Elections office, or

Download a form, complete it, scan it, and email it as a file attachment to the Cherokee County Voter Registration and Elections office.

Also, you may pick up a mail-in registration form at any public library in Cherokee County, complete the information and mail it to your county of residence in South Carolina. In addition,

you may apply for registration at the Department of Motor Vehicles when you renew or get a new driver's license. Other service agencies where you can apply for registration include: the Department of Social Services, Department of Mental Health, Department of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services, Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, Commission for the Blind, SC Protection and Advocacy for the Handicapped, and Military Recruitment offices.

Download a mail-in application online at SC State Election Commission website ([www.scvotes.org](http://www.scvotes.org)).

*Important Note:* Due to federal legislation, any person choosing to register to vote by mail must supply additional proof of residence when submitting their application or when voting.

## **HOW TO UPDATE YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION?**

If your voter registration information has changed (name, address, etc.), and you still live within the same county, you may update your voter registration information by visiting the Cherokee County Voter Registration and Elections office or calling to request a "Change of Address" form be mailed to you for completion. You may download a change of address form at [www.scvotes.org](http://www.scvotes.org).

*If you have moved to a different county, you will need to re-register in your new county.*