

In America, citizens choose their government by voting. Despite the power that people have as voters, **fewer than fifty percent** of Texans use this power that so greatly impacts their daily lives. But it doesn't have to be that way. You too can **exercise your right to vote**, help your community, and **make your government work for you!**

## DID YOU KNOW **TE**AS VOTERS ARE:

1. *More likely* to lead healthier lives.
2. *More likely* to contribute to society.
3. *Less likely* to be unemployed.
4. *Less likely* to recommit crimes.

## HOW TO VOTE:

1. Register
2. Have proper photo ID or valid exception
3. Learn about the candidates
4. Vote!

**ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE? CHECK HERE!:**



**Vote America: Court the Vote** continues the Texas Young Lawyers Association's long-standing commitment to producing quality, law-focused education programming for the citizens of Texas and beyond.

For more information on this project, please visit [tyla.org/Vote-America](https://tyla.org/Vote-America) or contact TYLA at 1414 Colorado Street, Suite 502, Austin, Texas 78701-2487, or (800) 204-2222 ext. 1529.

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## COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

### Q: Do I have to tell anyone about my vote?

**A: No! Texas maintains the secrecy of the ballot.** Poll workers keep only a list of who voted, not how they voted. No record of how you or any other voter filled out their ballot is created other than your anonymous ballot. Your choices cannot be matched up with your name. Additionally, voting booths provide a private place for you to fill out your ballot.

**Texas makes sure that you can vote free from intimidation.** A set of rules is enforced at each polling place to ensure that voters are comfortable casting votes for whomever they prefer. For example, poll workers are not permitted to ask who you voted for, and campaigning is prohibited inside of or near polling places.

### Q: Do I need a photo ID to vote?

**A: Usually,** but not always! If you swear or affirm that you have a **reasonable impediment** to getting ID (like a lack of transportation or work/family responsibilities), and provide **alternative proof of ID** (like a paycheck or utility bill), **you may vote without photo ID.**



### Q: Can I vote if I was ...

- a. *Charged* with a misdemeanor? **YES!**
- b. *On Deferred Adjudication* for a misdemeanor? **YES!**
- c. *Convicted* of a misdemeanor? **YES!**
- d. *Charged* with a felony? **YES!**
- e. *On Deferred Adjudication* for a felony? **YES!**
- f. *Convicted* of a felony? **NO, but ...**
  1. Have you completed your felony punishment, including any term of incarceration, parole, supervision, period of probation, or have been pardoned?
    - i. If so, **YES, YOU CAN VOTE!**
    - ii. If not, **NO, you may not vote.**
  2. If your felony conviction is *on appeal*, **YES, YOU CAN VOTE!**

### Still have questions?

Call the **Election Protection Hotline** at

- a. English - (866) OUR-VOTE or (866) 687-8638
- b. Spanish/English: (888) VE-Y-VOTA or (888) 839-8682
- c. Arabic/English: (844) YALLA-US or (844) 925-5287
- d. Asian Languages/English: (888) API-VOTE or (888) 274-8683