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What To Do If You Are Challenged On Voting Day

- Make sure the person challenging you has the proper credentials. The only people who can challenge you are poll watchers or other voters. Poll watchers must be registered to vote in the county in which the challenge takes place.
- You cannot be challenged based merely on your appearance, last name, race, or national origin.
- You are still eligible to vote even if you are registered both in Florida and in another state. The challenger must prove that you actually voted in the other state before you can be ineligible.
- If you are challenged because your address has changed within the same county, you can still vote. Simply fill out a change of address form in the right precinct for your current address.
- If you are challenged based on your status as an ex-felon, it may be helpful to bring along your papers showing that your rights have been restored, but it is not necessary. The challenger must show (1) that you were convicted of a felony, and (2) that your rights have not been restored. It is not sufficient for the challenger merely to say that your name matches the list of felons on the central voter database.
- Even if the poll workers accept the challenge, they must still allow you to vote by a provisional ballot. Don't be intimidated or discouraged from voting.
- Challenges must not be allowed to disrupt the normal flow of voting. If a challenger becomes disruptive, ask the official poll workers to remove the challenger.

For more on the voting issues, visit: http://www.aclufl.org/issues/voting_rights/election_reform.cfm

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