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Last-Minute Tips for Voters: Simple Steps You Can Take Now to Prepare for Election Day ***www.CanIVote.org helps voters check registration status, find polling place and contact local officials***

Want to know what you can do to make voting go smoothly for yourself and others on Election Day? Voting is easier and more convenient than ever this year, but there are some simple steps you can take now to get ready. The National Association of Secretaries of State, a nonpartisan professional association representing the nation's chief state election officials, offers the following last-minute tips to prepare for voting on November 4:

Check your registration. State election officials are urging voters to make sure that they are registered at their current address. Most states (and DC) offer online voter registration lookups designed to help voters check their registration status and update their information. Check out www.canivote.org for links. If you haven't registered to vote yet or you have a problem with your registration, contact your local election office to check your options.

Find your polling place. If you're a new voter, you have probably received a notice in the mail telling you where to vote. For others, almost all states offer online polling place locators that allow eligible voters to look up their assigned polling place. In some states, voters can use the polling place locator feature to provide maps and driving directions to polling place or ballot drop box locations. Your local election office can also help you find your local polling place. Election official contact information and polling place locator links are available at www.canivote.org.

Know what ID to bring. Identification requirements vary from state to state and federal requirements for first-time voters may impact what you need to bring with you to the polls. Know what, if any, ID your situation requires. Contact your local election office or visit www.canivote.org for more information. If you have them, it never hurts to bring your driver's license and your voter registration card with you on Election Day.

Be prepared. Lengthy ballots filled with candidate races, referenda and bond questions can make polling place wait times longer if voters have not had a chance to review this information in advance. Take a look at your ballot before Election Day by checking out a sample ballot, which most states make available online. Also make sure you know how to use the voting equipment where you live. Reviewing your ballot and voting equipment instructions before you get to the polls will help keep the lines moving on Election Day and enable you to contact an election official if you have any questions. Get contact information at www.canivote.org.

Avoid the crowds. Polling places are busier in the early morning and late afternoon hours, as people head to and from work. Lunchtime is also a busier period of the day. To cut down on your waiting time at the polling place, consider voting during non-peak hours, such as the mid-morning or mid-afternoon periods. You can find out when the polls are open where you live by visiting www.canivote.org.

But most importantly, go VOTE! Federal law ensures your right to request and cast a provisional ballot and all polling places must post a list with your voting rights.

For more information, visit www.canivote.org – a nonpartisan voting assistance Web site created and endorsed by state election officials.

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