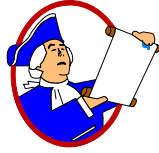


**HOW WILL MY ONE VOTE MAKE A DIFFERENCE?**



*Answer:*

**1645** - One vote gave Oliver Cromwell control of England.

**1649** - One vote caused Charles I of England to be executed.

**1776** - One vote gave America the English language instead of German.

**1845** - One vote brought Texas into the Union.

**1868** - One vote saved President Andrew Johnson from impeachment

**1875** - One vote changed France from a monarchy to a republic.

**1876** - One vote gave Rutherford B. Hayes the Presidency of the US.

**1923** - One vote gave Adolph Hitler leadership in the Nazi Party.

**1941** - One vote saved Selective Service- Just weeks before Pearl Harbor was attacked.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**1776-1783** - The American Revolution. The people of England's 13 colonies fight for the right to choose their government. The colonies became the United States.

**1786** - White men age 21 and older who owned property have the right to vote.

**1807-1843** - One by one, the states gave all white men age 21 and older the right to vote.

**1870** - Men of every race, age 21 and older, have the right to vote.

**1920** - Women of every race, age 21 and older, have the right to vote.

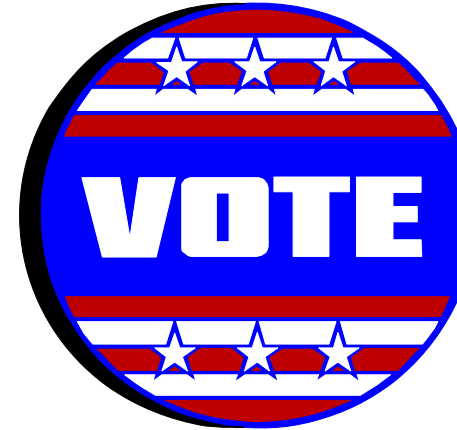
**1964** - States can no longer make people pay to vote.

**1965** - States can no longer require voters to speak English.

**1970** - People no longer have to pass special tests to have the right to vote. (In some places, tests had kept people who didn't have much education from voting.)

**1971** - People age 18 and older have the right to vote.

# Student Voter Guide



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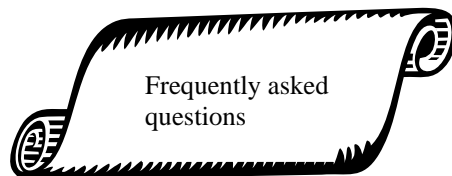
*VOTING IS A:  
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**Dear Students,**

Registering to vote and exercising the freedom all Americans enjoy by voting enables you to have a voice in important decisions that affect you in everyday life. Federal, State and Local government laws and policies that are passed and implemented today will have a direct effect on you for all of your adult life. Along with your Constitutional *right* and *responsibility* to vote, you must make sure an educated choice is made by staying current on the issues.

It is a PRIVILEGE - your RIGHT, and your DUTY to join the mainstream in making an EDUCATED choice on ELECTION DAY.

We are very excited and pleased to welcome you as a voter.



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### How do I register to vote?

Pick up a voter registration application from a public library, your school, or from our web site, fill out the form and mail to the Board of Elections office.

### When can I register to vote?

When you are 18 years old or if you will be 18 years old by the next Federal General Election you will be allowed to register to vote 60 days before the primary for that election.

### What are the requirements of registering?

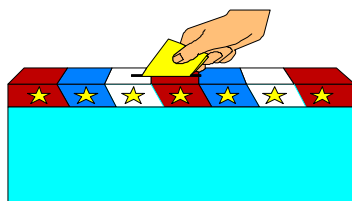
- ❖ Must be 18 years old by the next General Election
- ❖ Must be a U. S. citizen
- ❖ live in county for 30 days prior to the election

### Do I have to choose a party?

You may choose a party or you may decide to be unaffiliated. Your party affiliation determines what party candidates you are eligible to vote for in a primary. Unaffiliated voters may vote in a party primary only if that party authorizes unaffiliated voters to vote.

### What are absentee ballots?

An absentee ballot is an official ballot used to cast your vote prior to the day of an election.



### How can I get an absentee ballot?

You may either write to the Board of Elections office or you may apply in person. If you are away at college, a near relative may make application for you in the Board of Elections office.

### Who is considered a “near relative”?

- ❖ Spouse/brother/sister/parent/child
- ❖ Grandparent/Grandchild
- ❖ Mother-in-law/Father-in-law
- ❖ Daughter-in-law/Son-in-law
- ❖ Step-parent/Step-child
- ❖ Verifiable legal guardian

### What is one-stop voting?

This is a form of absentee voting whereby the voter comes into the Board of Elections office, fills out an application and votes. One-stop absentee voting begins on the fourth business day after the registration deadline and ends at 1 p.m. on the Saturday before the election; you may vote absentee one-stop without an excuse.

### Where is the Board of Elections Located?

The Board of Elections is located in the Jones Village Shopping Center, 1510 Live Oak Street, Beaufort.

Handicap parking is available in the front of the building.



### VOTER STATISTICS

As of February 1, 2007, there are 43,703 registered voters in Carteret County.

Total Democrats -----	15,093
Total Republicans -----	18,411
Total Unaffiliated -----	10,199
Total Male Voters -----	20,346
Total Female Voters -----	23,101
Total White Voters -----	40,851
Total Black Voters -----	2,217
Total American Indian -----	73
Total Other -----	293

**Carteret County Board of Elections is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. We are here to assist you with any questions you may have about registration, voting, voting equipment, and/or election laws.**

### IMPORTANT STEPS TO VOTING

- **REGISTER** to vote when you turn 18 years old. The deadline for registering is 25 days before an election. If you will be 18 years old by a November General Election, you will be eligible to vote in that elections primary when you are 17 years old.
- **LISTEN** to candidates voice their opinions on all the issues.
- **READ** about candidates views on issues in the newspapers, magazines, or candidate literature.
- **LEARN** about every candidate and what they stand for on all the issues.
- **DISCUSS THE ISSUES** with your friends, family, and teachers. Do not be put off if they disagree with you-that’s the only way you can know all the sides of an issue and therefore be able to make educated choices.
- **GO TO YOUR POLLING PLACE** on Election Day. State your name and address to the precinct official. They will have your name listed on the registration printout and allow you to vote.
- **VOTE.** If you are unsure how to use the voting equipment, ask the precinct official for assistance.