

# 2008 AFL-CIO VOTING RIGHTS PROTECTION PROGRAM



*My Vote, My Right*, the AFL's 2008 Voting Rights Protection Program, is a nonpartisan effort to ensure that:

- Registered voters are able to vote fairly and without intimidation.
- All votes are counted.

The significance of voting rights and voter protection efforts cannot be overstated. Especially since 2000, the weaknesses in our election system have become obvious. Poor administration, limited resources, intimidation, manipulation and a lack of voter education have become too common, particularly among communities with the greatest needs.

## TOP ISSUES

*My Vote, My Right* will focus on critical issues affecting the outcome of elections, including:

- Provisional ballots,
- Polling place resource allocation (including disability and language access),
- Voter ID requirements,
- Voter eligibility,
- Voter protection issues (including voter intimidation and manipulation),
- Student voting restrictions.

## WHAT 'MY VOTE, MY RIGHT' WILL DO

*My Vote, My Right* will implement and be involved in nonpartisan voter protection activities in targeted states. *My Vote, My Right* also provides information and materials to assist voting rights activists. The program provides the handbooks, volunteer sign-up information, details about federal voting rights laws, voter registration links and more. Go to [www.aflcio.org/issues/civilrights/votingrights.cfm](http://www.aflcio.org/issues/civilrights/votingrights.cfm).

*My Vote, My Right* activity focuses on three areas: election administration advocacy, voter education and voting rights protection at the polls.

## GET INVOLVED

*My Vote, My Right* seeks to build a network of labor activists to get involved in voter protection activities. This network includes union attorneys, AFL-CIO staff, state and local coordinators and voter protection volunteers.

*My Vote, My Right* is looking for people to fill leadership rolls, educate voters and volunteer to work in and at the polls on Election Day. To get involved, send your name, address, county, e-mail address and phone number to [yourvote@aflcio.org](mailto:yourvote@aflcio.org) or AFL-CIO, *My Vote, My Right*, 815 16th St., N.W., Washington, DC 20006.

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ELECTION ADMINISTRATION ADVOCACY	VOTER EDUCATION	VOTING RIGHTS PROTECTION AT THE POLLS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify and participate in local voting rights coalitions.</li> <li>• Identify areas of concern that can be addressed before Election Day and work with election officials and community groups to address them.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Educate voters about basic requirements such as registration deadlines, checking registration and polling place, date of election, voter ID, provisional ballots and more.</li> </ul>	<p><b>POLL MONITORING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Help individual voters and identify and make official complaints of voting irregularities or problems.</li> </ul> <p><b>POLL WORKERS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recruit and educate qualified individuals to be election judges on Election Day.</li> </ul>

For more information, call 202-639-6220 or 1-800-952-2550.

