



**Stand up for yourself Louisiana.
Stamp out voter fraud and abuse!**

Should you have any information regarding voter fraud, vote buying, voter abuse or intimidation contact the Protect Your Vote program by calling our toll-free hotline.

1-800-722-5305



As Louisiana's chief election officer, I am committed to upholding the state's zero tolerance policy toward voter fraud. Our Elections Compliance Unit is designed to ensure that any attempt to undermine the elections systems will be prosecuted firmly and fairly.

But we need your help. Please do not hesitate to contact our office if you suspect any wrongdoing or have any questions.

Tom Schedler
Secretary of State

www.GeauxVote.com

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**Protect
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OUR MISSION

As the state's chief election officer, the secretary of state is charged with overseeing and assisting local officials in the conduct of these elections.

Voter fraud costs all of us!

Even though you may never have been victimized, all taxpayers pay for the abuse of others.

In Louisiana, the election of public officials is a continual process. It seems that every month or so, some town, municipality, school district, levee board, police jury or other parish governing body calls for a special election. The Louisiana Secretary of State is committed to ending voter fraud, vote buying, voter abuse and voter intimidation in this state.

Understanding voter fraud

The Election Code is filled with laws against voter fraud, vote buying, voter abuse and intimidation. We will cover a few of the most common ways to stamp out voter fraud and abuse.



Address problems

Do not allow someone who does not live at your address, other than children away at school or in the military, to use your address to register to vote. We all should vote from the location where we reside. If you receive a registration card from the Registrar of Voters Office for someone who does not reside at your address, call the Registrar of Voters Office immediately to report this.



Absentee voting by mail

- When voting absentee by mail, make certain that you actually want to vote using this method and that you meet the requirements for voting absentee. Do not let someone else convince you to do this so that they can try to control your vote.
- Fill out the absentee by mail ballot request form in its entirety. Make certain that you sign the form and that you know the witnesses. Do not let someone else do this for you.
- When you receive your ballot, vote in private or with the assistance of a close friend or relative. Make sure the ballot flap is complete, signed and sealed to be mailed.
- If someone tries to alter your vote, or take your ballot, contact local law enforcement or our office immediately.



Voter intimidation

- Do not let anyone give you a piece of paper with the names or ballot numbers for candidates and tell you that this is who you are to vote for. Make your own decisions.
- If someone tries to convince you that you must vote for his or her candidate, you should report intimidation to our office immediately. Do not allow anyone to scare you into voting.



Vote buying

Organizers sometimes go around in cars or buses and offer voters things of value for their vote. Paying for your vote with money, gifts, alcohol or food is wrong. Don't sell yourself short and allow your precious vote to be bought. Tell them you are not for sale and vote your own conscience.



What you can do

The Protect Your Vote program is an initiative of the Louisiana Secretary of State to educate the voters of the state and to ask law-abiding people to let us know when their most cherished right, the right to vote, is being abused. Educate yourself about the laws that govern voter fraud and abuse; speak with your friends and relatives and assist them in this educational effort as well; and assist the secretary of state's office in eliminating incidents of voter fraud and abuse by reporting such incidents to the Elections Compliance Unit.