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1 What you can do to protect the vote

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4 If you want to vote in the August party primaries or the  
5 general election in November, democracy advocates suggest this  
6 action plan to be sure of your access to the voting booth:

- 7 • Ahead of time, make sure to check your voter  
8 registration, confirm your polling place, know your voting hours,  
9 and make a plan to vote early if you can — voting by mail is also  
10 available to all Vermonters.

11 • Encourage your friends and family to make a plan like  
12 the above as well to make sure they are ready to vote.

13 • Become a poll worker to help ensure voting runs  
14 smoothly and transparently. Those interested should contact their  
15 town clerk ahead of time.

16 • Volunteer as a nonpartisan election observer with  
17 organizations that monitor polling places and ballot counting  
18 procedures. Those interested should contact their town clerk  
19 ahead of time.

20 • On Election Day, if you witness any voter suppression,  
21 report it to the office of the Vermont Secretary of State.

22 There are also ways older Vermonters, who might not  
23 necessarily feel comfortable traveling, can be involved. For  
24 example, voters can install applications on their phones or  
25 computers to make out-of-state calling easier.

26 “We’re also looking to train up many more poll watchers  
27 and observers,” said Vermont’s U.S. representative, Becca Balint.  
28 “And I’ve talked to with lawyers in Vermont who are interested in  
29 traveling to battleground states and being official poll watchers.  
30 It’s going to take all of us, in all of these different ways.”

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