

Women's Advocacy Day Supports Same Day Registration

Last year, NC Women United helped pass a same day registration law that makes it easier to vote and brings thousands of new people into the process.

- Our new same day registration law ends the arbitrary deadline of 25 days before an election and lets voters register and vote on the same day at early voting sites throughout the state.
- At hundreds of sites throughout the state for two weeks before the election, voters can now register and vote at the same time. This includes changing addresses, updating information, or re-registering if the election precinct loses your voter information.
- This is especially helpful to young people who have lower registration rates and tend to be more transient
- Political campaigns and non-profits have been using same day voter registration to wage effective GOTV drives.
- In the 2008 primary, over 20,000 first-time voters used same day registration to register and vote, and another 30,000 used it to change their voter information. 46% of these new registrants were African-American.
- Before SDR, North Carolina ranked as one of the 15 worst states for voter turnout. Now our voter turnout is improving.
- If a person registers to vote that isn't legitimate their ballot can be retrieved. However, intentional abuse is highly unlikely because voting illegally involves committing two felonies and only adds one vote. Fraud committed through in-person voting is largely non-existent.

What do to?

- **Thank legislators for supporting last year's landmark same day registration legislation.**
- **Tell legislators that same day registration is working and that it should be expanded to Election Day.**

Visit www.democracy-nc.org or call 1-888-OUR-VOTE for more info.