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**Leave to Vote:
Law Gives All DC Employees and Students in DC
Excused Leave to Cast Their Ballot**

WASHINGTON, DC -- The District of Columbia Board of Elections (DCBOE) wants all District employees and students to know that they can take time off to vote in the November General Election.

The Leave to Vote Amendment Act of 2020, which took effect on October 1, gives all District employees the right to at least two hours of paid leave off to vote, and all District students the right to an excused absence of at least two hours to vote.

Workers wishing to exercise this option need to know that their employer may ask them to submit the request for paid leave ahead of time, specify the hours during which they can take paid leave to vote, including requiring them to vote early instead of on Election Day and/or to vote at the beginning or the end of a shift.

Similarly, all District schools may specify the hours during which a student can take off to vote, including requiring them to vote early instead of on Election Day.

As a reminder, Early Voting begins on Tuesday, October 27 and runs through Monday, November 2. There will be [32 Early Vote Centers](#) across the City, which will be open from 8:30am to 7pm, including six Super Vote Centers.

On Election Day, [95 Vote Centers](#) will be open from 7am to 8pm.

[[A notice on the Leave to Vote Act suitable for posting in the workplace](#) can be found here, and [a notice suitable for posting at schools](#) can be found here.]

The District of Columbia Board of Elections is an independent agency of the District of Columbia Government responsible for the administration of elections, ballot access, and voter registration.

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