

Election 2020 Task Force

Frequently Asked Questions

We are recruiting volunteer lawyers and connecting them directly to organizations working to protect the right to vote in communities around the country. We are committed to doing our part to protect the integrity of this election. Join us.

What happens when I sign up?

You will receive regular Election 2020 Task Force updates highlighting specific projects available around the country - some in-person, some remote. You will not be enrolled in a specific project until you have elected to sign up directly with that project.

How much time is needed?

Some projects may take just a few hours, others may require a full-time commitment for several days or weeks.

Can I do this work remotely?

Yes! We will have projects that can be done remotely, and others that require being in person.

Do I have to do this volunteer work where I'm licensed to practice law?

No—many volunteer opportunities do not need to be aligned with the state in which you are barred.

Do I have to be a resident of the location of placement?

Not necessarily. Some projects may require that but plenty will not.

When will you need me?

Early voting has already started in some places, so we need you now! And we are likely to have projects that extend beyond election day. The best way to find a project that works for you is to sign up and receive our updates.

What type of work will I be asked to do?

Projects will continue to develop but here are some of the things we need help with right now:

- » Staffing voter protection hotlines to help voters understand the process and make sure their votes are counted.
- » Observing at Early Voting polling locations to ensure a fair process and protect against intimidation.
- » Observing processing and/or counting of mail-in ballots to ensure a fair process and the opportunity to fix—or cure—a ballot if allowed by state law.

Do I need election law experience?

Not necessarily—it will depend on the project, but we will have many opportunities for individuals without election law experience.

Are you looking for any other special qualifications?

Lawyers who are fluent in languages other than English may be very useful.

What if I'm not a lawyer or do not have an active bar license? What if I'm a law student?

We The Action is a platform designed to connect active lawyers to projects and a bar license is required. But there are lots of great opportunities to volunteer—check out PowerThePolls.org or ProtectTheVote.net if you are interested in getting involved. And thank you!