# 2012 AFL-CIO VOTING RIGHTS PROTECTION PROGRAM

*My Vote, My Right,* the AFL-CIO's 2012 voting rights protection program, is a nonpartisan effort to ensure that:

- Voters are aware and educated on the new voting laws:
- Through a systematic process, those voters are able to vote fairly and without intimidation; and
- All votes are counted.

#### **Priority States:**

The *My Vote, My Right* program will be implemented primarily in the following states: Florida, Michigan, Nevada, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. Limited programs may be implemented in other states as determined by the AFL-CIO Political Department and consistent with Labor 2012.

#### **TOP ISSUES IN 2012**

- Voter ID requirements
- Student voting restrictions
- Polling place resources allocation (including disability and language access)
- Provisional ballots
- Limited number of days to vote early
- Voter protection issues (including voter intimidation and manipulation)

#### WHAT 'MY VOTE, MY RIGHT' WILL DO

The AFL-CIO 2012 *My Vote, My Right* program will implement and be involved in nonpartisan voter protection activities. *My Vote, My Right* also will provide information and material to assist voting rights activities. We will work in close collaboration with our coalition partners to ensure the right to vote for eligible voters is protected on Election Day. The program will provide a voter protection handbook, poll worker and poll monitor information, details about federal and state voting laws, voter registration links and more. Visit <a href="https://www.myvotemyright.org">www.myvotemyright.org</a> for more information.

*My Vote, My Right* activity focuses on three areas: Election administration advocacy, voter education and voter rights protection on Election Day.



### **GET INVOLVED**

My Vote, My Right seeks to build a network of labor activists to get involved in voter protection activities. This network includes union attorneys, AFL-CIO staff, state and local coordinators and voter protection volunteers. We need your help this year in protecting the vote.

My Vote, My Right is looking for people to fill leadership roles in helping to educate voters and to volunteer as poll workers and poll monitors on Election Day. To get involved, sign up by visiting www.myvotemyright.org, or call 800-952-2550 for more information.

## ELECTION ADMINISTRATION ADVOCACY VOTER EDUCATION VOTING RIGHTS PROTECTION AT THE POLLS

- Identify and participate in local voting rights coalitions.
- Identify areas of concerns that can be addressed before Election Day and work with election officials and coalition groups to address them.
- Educate voters about the basic requirements of voting, such as registration deadlines, voter ID laws, provisional ballots and polling locations.
- Poll worker and poll monitor recruitment.
- *Poll monitoring:* Helping voters and identifying and making official complaints of voting irregularities or problems.
- Poll workers: Recruit and educate qualified individuals to be election judges inside the polling place on Election Day.