

A BRIEF HISTORY OF VOTING RIGHTS



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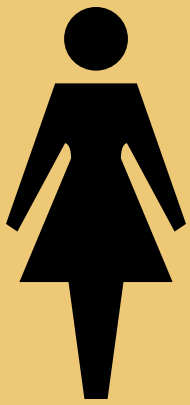
States were given the power to set up voting standards. During this time, the rights to vote were given to property-owners and tax-payers, who were mostly white-men.

1870

The 15th Amendment granted African American men the right to vote.



1920



The 19th Amendment gave women the right to vote.

1965-1966

The Voting Rights Act of 1965 protects against discrimination of voting rights based on race.



In 1966, tax payments and wealth requirements could no longer be a prerequisite for voting.

1971



The 26th Amendment changed the voting age to 18. This change was inspired by the Vietnam War.

1986

Military personnel in the US and abroad are given the right to vote via absentee ballot through the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act.

