

Voting Information for People with Disabilities

Your Right to Vote

If you are a person with a disability and understand what it means to vote, Federal law guarantees you the right to vote in an accessible way. This right is held by people with hearing, visual, intellectual, psychiatric, mobility, speech and other disabilities.

Sample Ballot

Before voting, learn what candidates and issues are on the ballot in your area. Visit <http://www.vote411.org> for a convenient feature that gives you personalized voter information after entering your mailing address.

Polling Place

Learn the location and hours of the polling place assigned to you. <http://www.vote411.org> Make a plan for how to get there. Go with a friend to share the experience.

Early Voting

Many states have some polling places open before Election Day. Find out when and where early voting is available in your area.

Visit <http://apps.npr.org/early-voting-2012/> and take advantage of the opportunity to vote before the crowd on November 6.

Voter ID

All states require an individual to be a U.S. citizen in order to vote. Each state requires its residents to provide some form of identification. Each state selects the form of ID it deems acceptable. Bring multiple forms of identification with you to your polling place. This could include a voter registration card, driver's license, other government ID, or at least a utility bill that confirms your name and address. The more forms of ID you bring, the better.

States requiring government-issued photo ID:

Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Tennessee

States where photo ID law is blocked but we must still prepare:

Alabama, Mississippi, South Carolina, Texas, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania

Personal Assistance

If you need help voting because of your disability, you can have someone help you vote. You can bring a friend, family member, or another person you trust. You can also ask a poll worker for help.

Curbside Voting

If a polling place is physically inaccessible to you, you can request curbside voting. You would come close to the building, and a poll worker would bring you the ballot.

Mobile Polling

If you live in a nursing home, assisted living community, or other long-term care residence, ask whether mobile polling is available. Poll workers would come to your location with ballots for the people there.

Provisional Ballot

If a poll worker says you are ineligible to vote, you still have a right to a provisional ballot. Later, an election worker will determine whether you are eligible. If so, your vote will be counted.

Voting Problems?

If you have a problem voting, you can get free help by calling one of these hotlines: 1-866-MYVOTE1 (866-698-6831); 1-866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683); 1-800-253-3931; 1-888-VE-Y-VOTA (en Español). Lawyers are available to give advice to voters with disabilities and others.

Your Responsibility to Vote

Voting is one of our most important responsibilities as American citizens. It makes government reflect the will of the people. It makes our nation successful. Be patriotic and vote in the 2012 elections!

“VOTE AS IF YOUR LIFE DEPENDS ON IT... BECAUSE IT DOES...”

Justin Dart