

VOTING RIGHTS FOR OHIOANS WITH DISABILITIES

CAN I VOTE IF I HAVE A DISABILITY?

- Yes, you can vote! If you're at least 18 years old and a U.S. citizen, you have the right to vote.
 - If you have a guardian, you can still vote.
 - If you cannot read or write, you can still vote.
 - If you cannot leave a hospital, nursing home, or your house you can still vote.
- The only time you may not be able to vote is if a judge in probate court decided that you do not have the "capacity" to vote. "Capacity" refers to the ability to understand voting information.

CAN I VOTE IF I HAVE BEEN ARRESTED OR CONVICTED OF A CRIME?

- Yes, you can still vote:
 - If you have been convicted of a misdemeanor.
 - If you have been arrested for a felony but not convicted.
 - If you are on parole or probation for a felony that did not involve jail time.

HOW DO I KNOW IF I'M REGISTERED TO VOTE?

- To find out if you are registered to vote, go to www.myohiovote.com. Once you are on the website, go to [Check My Voter Registration] and type in your name and the county you live in.

HOW DO I SIGN UP (REGISTER) TO VOTE?

- To vote, you must first fill out a voter registration form. You can ask for help filling it out.
 - OPTION 1: Print the form from www.myohiovote.com.
 - OPTION 2: Go in person to the Board of Elections, the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles office, a public high school, or library and ask for a voter registration form.
 - The deadline to register to vote is 30 days before Election Day.
- You need to fill out a new voter registration form if you:
 - Have a new address, even if it's in the same city.
 - Have changed your legal name.

DO I HAVE TO SHOW MY ID WHEN I VOTE?

- Yes, you must show an ID that has your name and address.
 - Your ID does not need to have your photo on it.
 - You can use for an ID: An Ohio driver's license; a state ID; a current utility bill; a cell phone bill; a bank statement; a government check or a government assistance letter that has your name and address.

CAN I VOTE ABSENTEE BY MAIL?

- Yes, if you are registered to vote, you can vote by mail with an absentee ballot.
 - Voting absentee means you can vote from home and mail in your ballot.
- You can request an absentee ballot online at www.myohiovote.com or by calling your local Board of Elections. A family member, support staff or friend can pick up a form for you at the local Board of Elections.
 - For persons with accessibility concerns, sensory issues and communication challenges, this may be an easier option than going to the voting polls on Election Day.

WILL MY POLLING PLACE BE ACCESSIBLE?

- Contact your local Board of Elections for questions about accessibility.
 - All voting places must be physically accessible unless an exemption is granted.
 - If an exemption is given, you may ask to vote curbside.
 - Each polling place must have one accessible voting machine for persons with disabilities, including those with vision disabilities.
 - When you arrive at your voting place, let a poll worker know if you would like to use the ADA-compliant voting machines.

WHAT IF I NEED HELP AT THE POLLS?

- You can bring a family member, close friend or support staff into the voting booth if you need help to vote because of your disability.
 - You may not bring your employer, an agent of your employer or candidate whose name appears on the ballot.
 - You can also ask for help from the poll workers where you vote.

FOR HELP OR MORE INFORMATION:

- Call the Ohio Secretary of State's office at 877-SOS-OHIO (877-767-6446) or go to www.myohiovote.com. Email options are listed on the website.
- If you feel your right to vote has been denied, contact the ACLU of Ohio at 614-586-1959 or contact@acluohio.org.
- If you feel that you have been discriminated against while trying to vote because of your disability, contact Disability Rights Ohio at 614-728-2553 or 800-858-3542 (TTY) or by emailing at <http://www.disabilityrightsohio.org/contact>.

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