

# VOTE



# It's YOUR FUTURE

In a Democracy, majority rules!  
The only way to get noticed is to  
unite and move as one  
recognizable voting force! We  
can only do this with your help!

## A Voting Guide for Wisconsin Citizens with Disabilities

### Registering

You must register if:

- You have not voted within the past four years, or
- You have moved since the last election

**You must provide proof of residence (such as a utility bill with your name and address) to register.**

Here in Wisconsin there are three ways to register.

1. Register at the polls on election day (be sure to bring your proof of residence)
2. Register by mail
  - At least 20 days in advance of the Election
  - Visit [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov), or
  - Call your local clerk's office
3. Register in person
  - By 5 p.m. on the Friday before Election Day
  - Visit your local clerk's office

A listing of all local Clerks offices is available online:

<http://gab.wi.gov/clerks/directory>

### Photo ID

Wisconsin requires a Photo ID to vote.

#### NOTES:

- If you vote Absentee by mail you will need to provide a copy of your photo ID the **first time** you request a ballot, unless you move or change your name.
- If you live in a residential care facility, special rules may apply.
- Visit <http://bringit.wi.gov> or call 1-866-VOTE-WIS to learn more about the Photo ID requirement.

A few acceptable forms of ID include:

- A valid Wisconsin Driver's License
- A valid Wisconsin ID Card
- US Passport

If you DO NOT have a valid ID, you can obtain a FREE Wisconsin ID card from any Wisconsin Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) office.

#### NOTES:

- You will need to present a Birth Certificate at the DMV
- If you do not have a Birth Certificate, the DMV can help you obtain a free copy.
- Call the DMV Photo ID hotline to learn more – (608) 266-1069

### Casting Your Vote

#### Voting In Person

Each municipality has a designated polling place that serves your address. To find your polling place, either call your local Clerk's office or visit <http://myvote.wi.gov>.

*Polls are open 7am - 8 pm on Election Day*

If you are physically able to enter your polling place you will receive a ballot from a poll worker and proceed to a private voting booth.

Assistance must be provided upon request or you may bring a friend or family member to assist you. (Please see page 2 to learn about the laws that protect your right to vote.)

#### Absentee Voting

##### *At Your Clerk's Office*

- Monday – Friday, during normal business hours
- Within two weeks of Election Day
- Photo ID is required

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## Casting Your Vote (continued)

### Absentee Voting

#### By Mail

- Call, e-mail or write your Clerk's office
- Request for ballot must be received by 5 p.m. the Thursday before the election
- Request must include:
  - Your full name
  - Residential address
  - Mailing address (if different)
  - Signature
  - a copy of your ID
- Ballots must be returned by 4 p.m. the Friday following the election
- Ballots must be witnessed and a witness certification must be completed on the return envelope

### Permanent Absentee Ballot

People with disabilities can request to be placed on the Permanent Absentee Ballot list. Ballots will automatically be mailed to voters who qualify.

Contact your Clerk's office to learn more:

<http://gab.wi.gov/clerks/directory>

## Special Accommodations

Laws provide voters with disabilities the right to request accommodations at the polls so that they may exercise their right to vote.

### Curbside Voting

If you are unable to enter the polling place due to accessibility restrictions, you may request that a poll worker bring the ballot to your vehicle. It is a good idea to either call your local Clerk's office ahead of time or bring a family member or friend along to request a curbside ballot.

### Accessible Voting Machine

All polling places are required by law to have an accessible voting machine.

### Requesting Assistance

Poll workers are available to assist voters with disabilities. Assistance can be requested at the time you receive your ballot.

You may also bring an individual (excluding an agent of your employer or union) to assist you in the voting booth.

## Voting is Your RIGHT!

- **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA):** Title II requires state and local governments to provide people with disabilities a full and equal opportunity to vote, including voter registration, polling site selection, and the casting of ballots.
- **Voting Rights Act of 1965 (VRA)** requires that any individual who is blind, or who has any other disability that prevents them from casting a ballot, be allowed assistance from a person of the voter's choice (other than the voter's employer or its agent or an officer or agent of the voter's union). Voters cannot be turned away on the basis of illiteracy.
- **Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act of 1984 (VAEHA)** requires accessible polling places in federal elections. Where no accessible location is available, voters must be provided an alternate means of voting on Election Day.
- **Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA)** requires the availability of at least one accessible voting system for persons with disabilities at each polling place in federal elections. The accessible voting system must provide the same access and participation, including privacy and independence, that other voters receive.

## What if my voting rights were violated?

### Contact Disability Rights Wisconsin

Phone: 1-844-DIS-VOTE (347-8683)

E-mail: [info@drwi.org](mailto:info@drwi.org)

Mail: 131 West Wilson St., Suite 700  
Madison, WI 53703

### Contact the WI Government Accountability Board

Phone: 1-866-VOTE-WIS (868-3947)

E-mail: [gab@wi.gov](mailto:gab@wi.gov)

Mail: P.O. Box 7984  
Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7984

Call the Election Protection Hotline 1-866-OUR-VOTE