



2021 WISCONSIN ELECTIONS **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS** (REV 2/14/2021)

2021 is an important election year. COVID-19 has created some additional challenges for voters and has increased interest in absentee voting. This FAQ addresses voting questions we are hearing from voters with disabilities. Read the FAQ to make sure you are prepared to vote in the 2021 primary and statewide election!

1. Who can assist me with voting questions?

- Contact your municipal clerk for help with voting questions. Find your clerk's information at myvote.wi.gov/en-US/MyMunicipalClerk.
- The Disability Rights Wisconsin (DRW) Voter Hotline can assist, especially with disability related voting questions: 844-DIS-VOTE / 844-347-8683 / email: info@disabilityvote.org
- Wisconsin Elections Commission: 866-VOTE-WIS / **email:** elections@wi.gov elections.wi.gov/
- **MyVoteWisconsin:** myvote.wi.gov/en-us/
Use this web site to register to vote, request an absentee ballot, check your polling place, view your ballot, and find contact information for your clerk. *Coming soon: early voting locations and drop box locations will be added to MyVote.*
- Voting fact sheets, videos, and other updates are available on the Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition website: disabilityvote.org/

2. When are the 2021 elections?

The 2021 elections are

- primary on **February 16th**
This will narrow the candidates for Wisconsin Superintendent of Public Instruction
- statewide election on **April 6th**
This will determine who the next Wisconsin Superintendent of Public Instruction will be, Court of Appeals Judge, Districts I, II and III, and Circuit Court Judge

View your ballot at <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-US/MyBallot> Ballots are typically available 47 days before an election for federal contests and 21 days before state and local contests.

3. What can I do to be prepared to vote?

- **Voter Registration:** Check to be sure you are registered to vote and that your voter registration name and address are current. If you are not registered, don't delay – register to vote now.
- **Photo ID:** Wisconsin requires voters to show a photo ID to get their ballot, unless they are exempt by law. Check to be sure you have an acceptable photo ID, or if you are exempt by law.
- **Absentee Voting:** Request an absentee ballot now for the elections. Because it is likely there will still be restrictions related to COVID-19, we encourage voters to submit their requests for an absentee ballot NOW.
- **Be Informed:** Learn about the candidates.

See additional detail in this document for each of these actions.

4. What are Wisconsin's Photo ID requirements for voting?

Most Wisconsin voters must show an acceptable photo ID when voting at the polls on Election Day or by absentee ballot. There are some exceptions for absentee voters (*explained later in this FAQ*). More information on the Photo ID law is available below or you can find detailed information on Photo ID and the exceptions to the law at bringit.wi.gov

An acceptable Photo ID for voting does NOT have to include a current address. You only prove your address when registering.

The following photo IDs are acceptable for voting purposes, and can be unexpired or expired after the date of the most recent general election (currently, the November 6, 2018 election):

- A Wisconsin DOT-issued driver license, even if driving privileges are revoked or suspended
- A Wisconsin DOT-issued identification card
- A Military ID card issued by the U.S. Uniformed Services (including retired and dependent uniformed service IDs)
- A U.S. passport book or card

The following photo IDs are also acceptable for voting purposes:

- A certificate of naturalization (that was issued no earlier than two years before the date of the election)
- An identification card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe in Wisconsin (can be expired or unexpired)
- A driver license receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT (valid for 45 days from date issued)
- An identification card receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT (valid for 45 days from date issued)
- A Wisconsin DMV ID Petition Process Photo Receipt (valid for 60 days from date issued)
- A Veteran Affairs ID card (must be unexpired or have no expiration date)
- A photo identification card issued by a Wisconsin accredited university or college, or technical college that contains the following:
 - Date the card was issued
 - Signature of student
 - Expiration date no later than two years after date of issuance (card may be expired)
 - The university or college ID must be accompanied by a separate document that proves enrollment, such as a tuition fee receipt, enrollment verification letter, or class schedule. Enrollment verification document can be shown electronically.

5. Is there anyone who does not need to provide a photo ID?

- **Indefinitely confined voters**, if a voter has a hard time getting to the polls on Election Day due to age, illness, infirmity, or disability, they may request an absentee ballot for every election and certify that they are "indefinitely confined because of age, 10, illness, infirmity, or disability". Indefinitely confined voters do not need to show a Photo ID when voting by absentee ballot. If they vote in person, they must present a Photo ID.
- **Voters in special care facilities** can provide a witness signature on their absentee ballot certificate envelope in substitute for showing Photo ID; if they vote in-person, they must present a Photo ID.

- **Confidential electors are always exempt from Photo ID requirements.** Confidential electors have applied for this status with their municipal clerk, and have presented a court order, a letter from law enforcement, a letter from the staff of a domestic abuse shelter, or the staff of an agency assisting victims of domestic abuse.
- **Active Military and Permanent Overseas voters are not required to provide a Photo ID when they vote by absentee ballot,** but if they vote in-person, they must present Photo ID.

6. I do not drive and I do not have an acceptable Photo ID for voting. How can I get a state ID?

If you do not have a photo ID, you can get a free Photo ID for voting from the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). Contact the DMV as soon as possible to make plans to get your Photo ID. DMV hours and days of operation vary so be sure to check first. If you do not have the documentation to get a regular state ID, DMV may be able to provide you with a temporary ID for voting, and may be able to assist you with getting documentation such as a birth certificate.

Resources for additional information:

- Contact the DMV Voter ID Hotline at 844-588-1069.
- DMV information about Wisconsin ID Card for Voting Purposes: wisconsindot.gov/Pages/dmv/license-drvs/how-to-apply/petition-process.aspx
- DMV Customer Service Centers: wisconsindot.gov/Pages/online-srvcs/find-dmv/default.aspx
- Bring It to the Ballot: bringit.wi.gov/ Wisconsin website with information about photo ID for voting
- Wisconsin Voter ID Coalition. Will help with questions about photo ID and may assist with transportation to DMV. 608-285-2141

7. Am I registered to vote? If not, how do I register?

- To determine if you are registered to vote, check myvote.wi.gov/
- Confirm that your voting address and name are current. If not, you may update them online.
- If you are not registered to vote, you have these options:
 - **Online** at myvote.wi.gov/. Requires a valid State of Wisconsin Driver License or State of Wisconsin ID card issued by the DMV. **April Statewide Election Deadline:** March 17
 - **Mail.** Up to 20 days before Election Day. Mail completed form to your municipal clerk. **Deadline:** Postmarked by March 17

Note: If don't have a valid WI State ID or Driver License you can still register. Complete a registration form. Mail it to your clerk with a Proof of Residence document with your name and current address, such as a utility bill, or bank statement.

- **In person** at your municipal clerk's office during the clerk's business hours. You must provide proof of residence. [Find your Municipal Clerk's Contact Information here.](#)
Deadline: April 2
- **At your polling place** on Election Day, also known as "same day registration". You must provide proof of residence and Photo ID.

8. What documents do I need to register to vote?








You MUST provide a Proof of Resident document when registering to vote.

- If you register online at myvote.wi.gov/ your valid State of Wisconsin driver's license or State of Wisconsin ID card issued by the Wisconsin Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) qualify as a valid Proof of Residence document.
- If you register to vote by mail, in-person in your clerk's office, or at your polling place on Election Day, you need to provide a **Proof of Residence document**. In addition to a valid State of Wisconsin driver license or state ID card with the voter's current

address, other documents may be used as proof of residence for registering such as current utility bill, lease, paycheck or paystub, university ID card or other official document showing voter's name and current address.

- If you live in a group home or nursing home, you may use an intake document with your name and address.
- See a list of acceptable documents at: myvote.wi.gov/en-us/ProofofResidence

9. What is the difference between Proof of Residence and Photo ID?

The Difference Between PROOF OF RESIDENCE AND PHOTO ID for Voting in Wisconsin	
	
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<p>MORE INFORMATION ON PROOF OF RESIDENCE: https://myvote.wi.gov/ProofofResidence</p>	<p>MORE INFORMATION ON PHOTO ID: https://myvote.wi.gov/PhotoIDRequired</p>

10. I moved recently. Can I register to vote using my new address?

As of July 29, 2020, the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals ruling on Voter Residency is in effect. Voters must have resided at their current address for 28 consecutive days prior to election day in order to register at that address.

Voters who do not meet the 28-day requirement at their new address are eligible to participate using their former address.

11. I was evicted recently and don't have a new address yet. What is my address for voting?

Voters who have been evicted in the last 28 days may register and vote from their previous address.

12. I am homeless and don't have a permanent address. I want to vote. What should I use as my address for voting?

If you are otherwise qualified to vote, Wisconsin law has a provision to protect the right to vote of individuals experiencing homelessness. If you are homeless, you may use a letter from a shelter or other organization providing services to the homeless as proof of residence when registering to vote. It should describe the individual's residence for voting purposes.

For additional guidance, the Wisconsin Election Commission has a sample letter and a guide for homeless voters on their website at elections.wi.gov/publications/brochures/enabling-homeless-voters.

13. I live at a group home or nursing home. What document can I use for Proof of residence when registering to vote?

You may use an intake document from a residential care facility such as a nursing home or assisted living facility for proof of residence.

14. I work at a care facility. Some of the residents have requested assisted with voting. Are staff allowed to provide assistance?

In a typical election, Special Voting Deputies (SVDs) may be come to care facilities to conduct absentee voting with residents. However, due to safety concerns, SVDs will not be entering care facilities for the November election. In the absence of Special Voting Deputies, long-term care facility staff has a responsibility to assist residents in exercising their right to vote. This can include activities such as helping residents complete their ballots, voter registration forms and/or absentee requests or by acting as a witness.

Facility staff can only assist the resident with their permission and may not influence their decision nor disclose to others who the resident voted for. Facility staff can read the ballot, candidate names, party affiliations, ballot instructions and can mark the ballot as directed by the voter. Staff cannot answer questions about candidates or their political platform. After assisting a voter, staff should sign the ballot in the box that says, "Certification of Voter Assistance".

Care facility staff are encouraged to review guidance documents from the Wisconsin Election Commission and the Wisconsin Board on Aging and Long Term Care (BOALTC).

- WEC Absentee Voting at Care Facilities Informational Documents: <https://elections.wi.gov/node/6957>
- BOALTC: <http://longtermcare.wi.gov/docview.asp?docid=28917>

15. I have a Guardian. Am I able to vote?

In Wisconsin, a person under guardianship retains the right to vote unless the court expressly removes it.

- If an individual is under guardianship and unsure of their right to vote, the Court's decision regarding the right to vote is recorded on a court form called "A Determination and Order on Petition for Guardianship Due to Incompetency." (GN-3170).

- The language in the court order will not specifically say that the person has retained the right to vote, however, a box will be checked if the right has been removed.
- If someone is under guardianship and not sure if they have the right to vote, they should:
 - Ask their guardian to look at the “Determination and Order form” mentioned above to see if their right to vote was removed. A copy of this form may be requested from Probate Court in their county (costs about \$2.00 to get a copy). **OR**
 - Contact the Municipal Clerk for their community. The Clerk can check the list they receive from the state of individuals adjudicated incompetent and ineligible to vote.
 - A person who has a guardian and has lost the right to vote may petition the court to restore their right to vote (Wis. Stat 54.64(2)(a)).
 - Resources about voting and guardianship are on the Disability Vote Coalition website at disabilityvote.org/ or contact the DRW Voter Hotline at 844-347-8683/ 844-DIS-VOTE.

16. I was convicted of a misdemeanor. Can I vote?

- If you have been convicted of a misdemeanor (except for misdemeanor treason or bribery), you do not lose your right to vote.
- This means you can vote even if you are in jail or prison, or “on paper” (on probation, parole or extended supervision) for a misdemeanor.

17. I was convicted of a felony. Can I vote?

- If you have been convicted of a felony (or any treason or bribery crime), ***you can vote after you have finished your sentence and are “off paper”*** (off probation, parole or extended supervision).
- If you’re not sure if you are “off paper,” ask your parole/probation officer.
- For additional information about “Voting Rights for Persons with

Criminal Convictions”:

www.aclu-wi.org/en/VotingRightsCriminalConvictions

18. I want to vote absentee. Am I eligible to vote absentee?

- Any **registered Wisconsin voter** is eligible to request an absentee ballot for any reason. If a voter is not registered, they must **register to vote** before an absentee ballot can be sent to them.
- **We encourage all voters to act now to request absentee ballots for November elections.**

19. When should I request my absentee ballot?

- Request your absentee ballot as soon as possible to ensure you receive it in time to complete and return your ballot.
- **Deadline to request an absentee ballot**
For the April Statewide Election
 - April 1st at 5 pm for regular voters
 - April 2nd at 5 pm for Indefinitely Confined voters
- Although this is the legal deadline, make your request as soon as possible. If you wait until the deadline to request, there may not be enough time to receive and return your ballot by mail.
- **Accommodations:** If a voter needs an accommodation, such as a large print ballot, include that information on the absentee request or contact your clerk as soon as possible.

20. How do I request an absentee ballot?

Online

- Request an absentee ballot at myvote.wi.gov/en-us/VoteAbsentee.
- If you haven't requested an absentee ballot before, you will be asked to upload a copy of your photo ID: a Wisconsin Driver's license or state ID card.
- The ballot will be mailed to you.

By Mail

- Download the Application for Absentee Ballot from the Wisconsin Election Commission web site: elections.wi.gov/index.php/forms/EL-121-english.
- Provide a copy of your acceptable photo ID with your application, unless you are exempt by law or it is on file. Information about photo ID: bringit.wi.gov.
- Complete the form and mail it to your municipal clerk's office.
- Mail your application ASAP to allow time to receive and return your ballot.

By Email

- Email your clerk with a ballot request (look up your clerk at myvote.wi.gov/en-US/MyMunicipalClerk). State your full name, Wisconsin voting address, the election you want a ballot for or if requesting for the calendar year, and mailing address if different than voting address. Include a copy of your photo ID unless it is already on file or you are exempt by law.

In-person

- Apply for an absentee ballot in person at your **clerk's office**.

21. What is Early Voting / In-person absentee voting?

- Voters can vote early at their local clerk's office in advance of each election. This is also called "in-person absentee voting." If you need to register to vote, you may do so at this time.
- Each city, village and town in Wisconsin is responsible for setting the dates and hours of in-person absentee voting for their municipality. Some municipalities may only offer in-person absentee voting by appointment. Contact your clerk for absentee voting hours and locations: Go to **Find my Clerk** on MyVote Wisconsin at myvote.wi.gov/en-US/MyMunicipalClerk. *Coming soon: Early voting locations will be listed on MyVote Wisconsin.*

22. I have a disability and I am requesting an absentee ballot. I am not sure if I am an "indefinitely Confined" voter.

- If you always need to vote absentee due to disability, age, illness, or infirmity, you may certify that you are an

“indefinitely confined” voter. According to the Wisconsin Elections Commission, “Designation of indefinitely confined status is for each individual voter to make based upon their current circumstance. It does not require permanent or total inability to travel outside of the residence. Statutes do not establish the option to require proof or documentation from indefinitely confined voters.”

- An “indefinitely confined” voter will have their ballot mailed to them for each election until they don’t return a ballot. If this occurs, the municipal clerk will contact the voter to see if they want to remain on the “indefinitely confined” voter list.
- Wisconsin law exempts voters who are indefinitely confined from the requirement to provide a Photo ID.
- How to apply to be an “indefinitely confined” voter: Complete the absentee ballot application. Choose the “indefinitely confined” option in section 6 of the form, certifying that you are indefinitely confined, or send a request in writing to your [municipal clerk](#).

23. I am live at a group home or nursing home and I want to vote absentee. I do not have a photo ID. Can I still vote?

- If voter lives in a care facility such as a nursing home or group home, and does not have an acceptable photo ID, the voter may request an absentee ballot and indicate on the form or via email that they are “indefinitely confined” due to disability age, illness or infirmity. See additional detail in the previous response.
- Or if voter lives in a care facility such as a nursing home or group home, and does consider themselves Indefinitely Confined, and does not have an acceptable photo ID, the care facility administrator can sign a special certificate (EL-122sp) to verify the voter’s identity. This certificate is available for download on the WI Elections Commission website at elections.wi.gov/forms/el-122.

24. I live alone. Who can I get to sign as my witness on my absentee ballot envelope?

- You must vote your ballot in the presence of an adult witness.

The witness can be any adult US citizen except for a candidate on your ballot. A witness can be a friend, spouse, family member, or care worker.

- Getting a witness may be a challenge if you live alone and/or if you are quarantined due to COVID-10. Some communities are offering drop off locations for voters who have completed their ballot and may have staff there to witness your absentee ballot.

If you cannot have direct interaction, the Wi Election Commission has suggested that a family member, friend or neighbor may watch you vote through a window or remotely using Skye or Facetime. Then the voter may insert the ballot in the envelope, seal it, and then leave it outside the door for the witness to sign.

Contact your clerk if you have trouble finding a witness.

25. What is the witness supposed to do?

- You should vote your ballot in the presence of a witness, put it in the envelope, and seal the envelope in the presence of the witness.
- The witness must verify that you completed the absentee ballot, but because voting is a private activity, your witness cannot tell you who or what to vote for and cannot see the choices you make on your ballot.
- Have your witness sign the certificate envelope on the line marked "Signature of Witness" and write their **full** address underneath the witness signature.
- You (or your assistant) must sign and date the certificate on the return envelope on the line marked "Signature of Voter".

26. As a voter with a disability, I need assistance completing my absentee ballot. What is the process for receiving assistance?

- If you need help reading or completing your ballot or absentee return envelope, you may request assistance from anyone who is not your employer or a representative of your labor union.

- Explaining how to fill out your ballot or return envelope is not considered “assistance.”
- Your assistant must sign in the Certification of Voter Assistance section on your ballot.
- Your assistant can read your ballot to you or fill out your ballot under your direction, but cannot tell you how to vote.
- If someone signs your absentee return envelope on your behalf, make sure they also sign in the Certification of Assistant section.
- Your assistant may also serve as your witness.

27. What is the deadline for returning my absentee ballot?

- *Your completed absentee ballot must be received in time to be delivered to your polling place **no later than 8 PM on Election Day.***
- ***By Mail: The U.S. Postal Service recommends absentee ballots be mailed a minimum of one week before Election Day to arrive in time.***
- **Other delivery:** If within a week of the election, the US mail may not get your ballot there in time. You can drop off your ballot at your clerk’s office or an absentee ballot drop box if available. Drop box locations may be listed on myvote.wi.gov/ or ask your clerk.
- **On election day:** Ask your clerk about options to drop off your ballot on election day.
- You may ask someone else to deliver your ballot for you.

28. How do I know if my absentee ballot request was received or if they received my completed ballot?

- Check the status of your absentee ballot at myvote.wi.gov/en-us/MyVoterInfo. This will show the date you requested the ballot, the date mailed to you, and the date your completed ballot was received. See example below.

You have an absentee ballot on file for this election:

Request an absentee ballot	Ballot request sent to clerk Mar 12, 2020	Ballot request received Mar 12, 2020	Absentee ballot mailed to me Mar 19, 2020	My completed ballot was received Mar 27, 2020
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29. I requested absentee ballot and it did not arrive in time. What are my options for voting?

If you requested your absentee ballot and it did not arrive in time, you may vote in person on Election Day or you can vote early. Contact your clerk for early voting locations and hours.

30. I need to vote in person for the election. Do you have any tips for staying safe while voting in person?

- Review your ballot online before you go to the polls. That will give you a chance to research candidates in advance and decide who you want to vote for to minimize the amount of time you have to spend at the polls. To see who is on your ballot go to myvote.wi.gov/en-us/PreviewMyBallot
- Check your polling place before you go. It may have changed. You can find your polling place at myvote.wi.gov/en-us/FindMyPollingPlace. You may also want to call your municipal clerk to check as there is not a deadline for making updates on the My Vote WI website. Find your municipal clerk here myvote.wi.gov/en-US/MyMunicipalClerk
- **You must have an Acceptable Photo ID to vote**, such as a current Wisconsin Driver's License or State ID. Bring It to the Ballot has a list of acceptable Photo Ids: bringit.wi.gov/
- If you are not able to enter your polling place due to disability, you may request **curbside voting**. Curbside voters are exempt from signing the pollbook. We recommend you contact your Municipal Clerk in advance to determine the process to access curbside voting.
- Your polling place may be offering drive through voting.
- Voters who are unable or unwilling to use the drive-through process should have the ability to vote using traditional methods in the polling location, or the location that may have been moved outdoors to complement the drive-through voting option. **This includes the use of accessible voting equipment if requested.**
- You may want to bring a black pen to use to mark your ballot.
- If you must get out of your car to vote, practice social

distancing, and wash your hands before and after you vote.

- The Disability Vote Coalition recommends that you wear a mask.
- Be patient and courteous. Election workers are doing their best under difficult circumstances.

31. Is there a requirement to wear face coverings (masks) while voting at the polls on election day?

The Wisconsin Election Commission and the Disability Vote Coalition recommends the use of face coverings/ masks by voters, unless they are unable to do so because of disability related or medical reasons.

However, if you choose not to wear one, this will not interfere with your right to vote. You may be asked to remove your mask briefly for identification purposes. Poll workers and election officials are required to wear face coverings.

Clerks may establish procedures to allow for voters without facial coverings to cast a ballot safely on election day. This may involve using designated areas of the polling place for these voters or assigning poll workers with additional personal protective equipment (PPE) to serve these voters.

32. I need to vote in person, but I have difficulty entering my polling place. Is curbside voting available?

Curbside voting is required by law for any voter who cannot enter the polling place due to a disability. The Wisconsin Election Commission believes that individuals who are immunocompromised or have symptoms of COVID-19 are eligible to curbside vote. Curbside voting should also be available during in-person absentee voting at the clerk's office or alternate site.

We recommend that you contact your Municipal Clerk in advance of Election Day to determine the process to access curbside voting.

33. What is an accessible voting machine?

The Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) requires at least one

accessible voting system for persons with disabilities, including citizens who are blind or visually impaired, at each polling place. The accessible voting system must provide the same opportunity for voters to vote privately and independently, that other voters enjoy. States can satisfy this accessibility requirement through use of a direct recording electronic voting system or other voting system equipped for individuals with disabilities.

In addition, the ADA requires officials responsible for conducting all public elections to make sure that any accessible voting systems are maintained and function properly in each election, and that election officials have been adequately trained to operate them.

34. As a voter with a disability, what are some key rights I should know about before I vote in person?

- Right to vote privately and independently
- Right to access the polling place, including an accessible route to enter the building.
- Right to use an accessible voting machine. All polling places are required by law to have an accessible voting machine on site, to have it turned on and functioning.
- Right to assistance with marking your ballot.
 - You may bring someone to assist you or ask a poll worker. Poll workers are required to assist you if you request it.
 - You cannot receive assistance from your employer or union representative.
- Right to ask for reasonable accommodations at the polling place such as, chair to sit, signature guide, magnifying glass, assistance stating a person's name/address or assistance signing a person's name or marking a ballot.
- If a voter cannot enter the absentee voting location or polling place due to disability, Wis. Stat. § 6.82(1) requires that curbside voting must be available. *Tip: contact your clerk in advance to discuss how to access curbside voting. (number to call, bell to ring, etc.)*
- For more information about voting rights, watch the Disability Vote Coalition video "Know Your Rights" before you vote in

person: disabilityvote.org/2019/know-your-rights/

35. How can I be an informed voter?

- **Review your elected officials and your ballot in advance of the election.**
 - You may view your elected officials on the MyVote Wisconsin website. Select, My Voter Info and enter your home address to view elected officials who represent you.
 - You may view your ballot online at myvote.wi.gov/. Ballots are typically available 47 days before an election with federal contests and 21 days before state and local contests.
- **Learn about the candidates.** Visit their websites, watch candidate forums and interviews, follow the candidates on social media, and review the past votes of incumbents. If there is a candidate you support, you may want to sign their nomination papers or help in other ways.
 - The following websites provide nonpartisan information about the candidates: Vote411.org , ballotpedia.org/, and www.wisconsinvote.org/
- **Ask questions.** The Disability Vote Coalition, NAMI Wisconsin, The Arc Wisconsin, and other groups may share sample questions that you can ask the candidates. You may also want to share background on issues that are important to you.
 - disabilityvote.org/category/resources/candidate-information/
- **Follow the Disability Vote Coalition** and sign up for our e-newsletter. Check out the resources on our website disabilityvote.org/ and on Facebook facebook.com/wisconsin Disability Vote/

36. What should I do if I run into a problem at the polling place or if my request for an accommodation is not honored?

- If you run into problems on election day, contact the Chief Election Inspector at your polling place or ask for the municipal clerk.
- If you aren't satisfied with how the issue was resolved, you can report the issues to the Wisconsin Elections Commission at elections.wi.gov/complaints or call toll free 1-866-VOTE-WIS

(866- 868-3947) for assistance. The WEC Complaints page has an option to “Report an Accessibility Concern”.

- You may contact the *Disability Rights Wisconsin Voter Hotline* at 1- 844-DIS-VOTE (844-347-8683), email info@disabilityvote.org to receive assistance with your concern.
- Assistance is also available from the Wisconsin Election Protection Hotline which is staffed by attorneys. Contact the Hotline at 866- OUR-VOTE / 866-687-8633.
- **File a Complaint:** If you experience a problem voting, we encourage you to file a complaint with the Wisconsin Elections Commission, so this concern can be addressed.
 - Complaints may be entered online at elections.wi.gov/complaints or call the Commission You may use the option to “Report an Accessibility Concern”.
 - You may also call or email to request that a complaint form be mailed to you, or to share your concern. Email elections@wi.gov or call 1-866-VOTE-WIS.
 - For assistance with reporting a complaint, contact the DRW Voter Hotline: 1-844-DIS-VOTE / email info@disabilityvote.org. We can assist you with the process of filing a formal complaint.

37. What are other voting resources?

- ***Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition***
 - **Email:** info@disabilityvote.org
 - **Website:** www.disabilityvote.org (check out the resources and videos)
 - **Email List/Newsletter** – Complete the form on our website to be added to our email list. Get the latest on voting issues and receive our monthly newsletter.
 - **Like us on Facebook!**
www.facebook.com/wisconsindisabilityvote/
- ***Disability Rights Wisconsin (DRW)***
 - **DRW Voter Hotline:** 1-844-DIS-VOTE/844-347-8683
email: info@disabilityvote.org

- **Wisconsin Elections Commission**

- **Phone:** 1-866-VOTE-WIS/868-3944 (staffed Mon – Fri from 7:45 AM – 4:30 PM/ longer hours on Election Day)
- **Email:** elections@wi.gov
- **Website:** <https://elections.wi.gov/>

- **MyVote Wisconsin** <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/>

Resource for voters to check if they are registered to vote, what is their polling place, view what’s on the ballot, online registration, and online request for an absentee ballot.

- **Wisconsin Municipal Clerks** are responsible for administering elections for their municipality. Your Clerk is a resource for your voting questions, including about absentee voting. You should also contact your clerk if you have concerns regarding accessibility, accommodations, or other issues.

- Contact information for clerks:
elections.wi.gov/clerks/directory

- **Wisconsin Election Protection** Call 866-687-8683 or text “Our Vote” to 97779. Non-partisan assistance from volunteer attorneys.

- **VOTE 411** www.vote411.org/

Election information: what’s on your ballot, upcoming debates in your area, and more.

- **League of Women Voters of Wisconsin** Find your local league at <https://my.lwv.org/wisconsin>.

IMPORTANT DATES

Deadlines to register for April Election:

- By Mail or online: March 17
- Deadline to register in person at your municipal clerk's office: April 2
- In-Person: Tuesday, April 6

Early In-person Voting:

- Early voting begins March 23^r
- Ask your clerk about early voting locations and hours.

Deadline to Request an Absentee Ballot:

- For Regular voters: April 1 @ 5 PM
- For Indefinitely Confined voters: April 2 @ 5 PM
- These are the "legal" deadlines.
 - Request your ballot ASAP.

Deadline to Return an Absentee Ballot

- Your absentee ballot must be received by 8 PM April 6th to be counted.
- Complete and return your ballot as soon as possible. If you mail your ballot, allow at least a week for delivery.
- Ask your clerk about other options to return your absentee ballot.

Election Day: Tuesday, April 6th, 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM.

- You may register and vote at your polling place.
- Find your polling place at myvote.wi.gov. Be sure to check - it may have changed.
- Be sure to bring your photo ID.