



# Disability Vote Coalition Survey Results

**The Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition surveyed 314 people with disabilities, older adults and family members to see how the voting bills would impact their ability to vote. The following is a summary of those results.**

## **Absentee Voting**

- 80% of people with disabilities who took the survey voted absentee in the last year.

## **Transportation Barriers**

- Nearly a quarter of people with disabilities have no driver's license (23%).
- A third (32%) rely on someone else to drive them anyplace they need to go
- More than quarter (26%) say transportation is a barrier for them to vote.

*"This will be impossible for my disabled family member to vote as we do not have public transportation and he will likely never have a driver's license."*

*"[Our son] would not be able to vote without us driving him there."*

*"There is limited bus service in this area and NO private cab service."*

## **Assistance with Voting**

- 28% of people with disabilities received assistance during the voting process.
- Nearly **three-quarters** (73%) said they would have difficulty voting if residential staff could no longer assist them with voting.

*"Not everyone living in a residential facility have guardians or family members living in Wisconsin. A lot of guardians live out of state and could not assist with voting."*

*"I probably wouldn't vote."*

## **Absentee Drop Boxes**

- 64% of people with disabilities would have difficulty with voting if there were only one drop box attached to the municipal clerk's permanent office building.

*"It would be even worse than having it at the voting location because a small-town clerk usually works out of their home, which is not a public facility. There's still no transportation, but even if there was, there's no handicapped parking, no accessible entrance, etc. on a private home."*

*"People that drive think it's easy for everyone to get a ride. Not so easy in a wheelchair..."*

## **Indefinitely Confined**

- 85% of people with disabilities said they would have difficulty voting if they had to request a ballot for each election and provide photo ID for indefinitely confined status.
- Nearly 9 in 10 (89%) said they would have difficulty voting if they had to renew their indefinitely confined status every two years.

*"It's difficult to figure out how to add the photo ID to an online request for an absentee ballot."*

*"My daughter doesn't have the technology or knowledge to be able to take a photo of her ID and upload it each time."*

*"Not only would this bill negatively affect my sons with disabilities, but one of my parents is over 80 years old with a chronic medical condition. She does not have a home computer and could not do any online requests or photo scanning. She has limited access to transportation. These kinds of restrictions take autonomy away from voters with disabilities. Legislators should be working with disability advocates to remove barriers to voting, not making it harder to vote!"*