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April 5, 2022 Election Updates and Resources (rev 3/30/22)

The Spring Election is April 5th. Act now to make your plan to vote. The Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition website has the resources you need: <https://disabilityvote.org/>

Voting on Election Day?

- Check the **MyVote Wisconsin** site at <https://myvote.wi.gov/> to see if you are registered to vote. If you are not registered or your address has changed, you may register at your polling place. Bring a Proof of Residence document with your name and current address, such as a utility bill, bank statement, or letter from a government agency.
- **Check your polling place** – it may have changed: <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/Find-My-Polling-Place>
- **View your ballot in advance:** <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/Whats-On-My-Ballot>
- **Bring a photo ID** - driver's license or state ID are most common.

Resources

- Our **Spring Elections Toolkit** will help you prepare to vote: <https://disabilityvote.org/2022/2022-spring-elections-toolkit/>
- Our **Make Your Plan to Vote 2022 Fact Sheet** will walk you through step by step: <https://disabilityvote.org/2022/make-your-plan-to-vote-2022-factsheet/>
- **Candidate Information:** LWVWI Spring Voter Guide on VOTE411: <https://www.vote411.org/wisconsin11.org>
- **Questions?** Contact your municipal clerk or contact the Disability Rights Wisconsin (DRW) Voter Hotline at 844-347-8683 / email info@disabilityvote.org
 - **Look up your municipal clerk's contact information:** <http://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/My-Municipal-Clerk>

Photo ID

If you do not have a photo ID, you can get a free state ID for voting at your Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) office. If you do not have the necessary documents (certified birth certificate, social security card, and proof of residence), you can still get an ID document for voting that is valid for 60 days.

Resources

- **DMV Voter ID Hotline:** (844) 588-1069
- **League of Women Voters Voter Helpline:** Call or text 608-285-2141
- **Bring it to the Ballot website:** <https://bringit.wi.gov/>
- **DRW Voter Hotline:** 844-347-8683

Transportation

Need a ride to vote? Check out the Disability Vote Coalition **Rides to the Polls** database here: <https://disabilityvote.org/rides-to-polls/>. Rides to the Polls allows you to search for a ride. All ride information is provided by ADRCs, transportation providers, and other community groups.

Plan ahead. Many providers require you to schedule in advance.

Know Your Rights

People with disabilities have the right to have an equal opportunity to vote, and to disability-related accommodations, if needed. Some of the most widely used accommodations are curbside voting, receiving assistance with marking a ballot, and use of accessible voting machines. If you need assistance, ask for a disability-related accommodation. If you have a question about your voting rights, contact the DRW Voter Hotline at 844-347-8683 or email us at info@disabilityvote.org.

- **Curbside Voting:** If you have difficulty entering your polling place due to disability, curbside voting is required by law. We recommend you contact your clerk in advance of election day to ask how to access curbside voting at your polling place.
- **Right to Assistance Completing Your Ballot:** If you are a voter with a disability, and/or have difficulty in reading or writing, you have the right to receive assistance marking your ballot. You may ask a person of your choice to assist you to complete your absentee ballot or at your polling place. Poll workers are required to assist you if you request it. You cannot receive assistance from your employer or union representative. The person providing assistance shall certify on the back of the ballot that it was marked with their assistance.

Resources:

- **English Voting Rights fact sheet:**
<https://disabilityvote.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Voting-Rights-Fact-Sheet-1020-acc.pdf>
- **Spanish Voting Rights fact sheet:**
<https://disabilityvote.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/DVC-Voting-Rights-Fact-Sheet-Spanish-acc.pdf>
- **Know Your Rights video:**
<https://disabilityvote.org/2018/release-of-know-your-rights-video/>

Guardianship and Voting Rights

In Wisconsin, a person under guardianship retains the right to vote unless the court removes it. If an individual is under guardianship and unsure of their right to vote, the Court's decision is recorded on a court form called "A Determination and Order on Petition for Guardianship Due to Incompetency." A person who has a guardian and has lost the right to vote may petition the court to restore their right to vote. Questions? Check out our materials or call the DRW Voter Hotline: 844-347-8683.

Resources

- **Competency, Guardianship and Voting in Wisconsin – English brochure:**
<https://disabilityvote.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Guardianship-and-voting-English-ACC.pdf>
- **Competency, Guardianship, and Voting in Wisconsin – Spanish brochure:**
<https://disabilityvote.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Guardianship-and-voting-Spanish-ACC.pdf>
- **Guardianship and Voting - Restoring your Right to Vote:**
<https://disabilityvote.org/2020/guardianship-and-voting-restoring-your-right-to-vote/>

Absentee Voting

- If you voted absentee, it is too late to return your ballot by mail.
- If you still plan to vote absentee, your completed ballot must be delivered to your municipal clerk's office or your polling place no later than **8:00 PM on Election Day**.
- If your community counts absentee ballots at a central location on Election Day, return your ballot to the central count location rather than your polling place. These communities use central count:
<https://elections.wi.gov/clerks/guidance/central-count-absentee>

Absentee Ballot Return Assistance

Rules for returning absentee ballots have changed for the April election due to a court ruling.

- You must be the one to return your own ballot.
- If you are not able to return your own ballot because of disability and want to have someone else return your ballot, contact your municipal clerk to explain the situation and to request a disability related accommodation.

Absentee Ballot Witness Requirement

Voting absentee for the Spring Election? 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.*
- Seal the envelope in the presence of your witness.
- Have your witness sign the certificate envelope on the line marked "Signature of Witness" and write their **full address** underneath the witness signature.
- Make sure you and your witness complete all information on the envelope so your vote will be counted.

Absentee Ballot Return Assistance - share your story

If the ban on assistance with mailing or returning a ballot will make it difficult or impossible to vote for you, for a family member, or for someone you support, we'd like to hear from you. All that's needed is a paragraph or two to explain how these new restrictions could limit voting rights. We are compiling the stories of voters impacted by the new restrictions. With your permission we will include your story.

- To share your story or get more information, contact Disability Rights Wisconsin. Email info@disabilityvote.org or call the DRW Voter Hotline at 844-347-8683.

Take the Voter Experience Survey

Did you vote in the April 5th election? We'd like to hear from you! Complete this League of Women Voters survey about your voter experience. We will use this information to work with policy makers to make improvements to voting in Wisconsin.

- The survey is available in English and Spanish.
 - English: <https://my.lwv.org/wisconsin/article/april-2022-voter-experience-survey>
 - Spanish: <https://my.lwv.org/wisconsin/article/encuesta-de-la-lwvwi-sobre-la-experiencia-del-votante-tras-las-elecciones-de-abril-de-2022>

2022 Elections Postcards and Posters

Order our free postcards and posters to increase awareness of the 2022 elections. They include 2022 elections dates, voter registration info, and where to call for help.

- View and order postcards and posters for the 2022 Elections here: <https://disabilityvote.org/2021/new-dvc-materials-for-2022-elections/>

Resource for Candidates with a Disability

REV UP co-hosted the “Campaigning with a Disability” webinar with the National Coalition on Independent Living (NCIL) on March 21. The event included a presentation from Sarah Blahovec at NCIL about key things to consider when thinking about running for office as a person with a disability. The event also included a panel discussion with Harriet Hines, Jules Good, and Nikki Villavicencia, each of whom shared their experiences with campaigning as a disabled candidate.

- View the recording: https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/af39i2MmCl6ZmgDI4mwEikjVYZF7T6Cc4ocF_hj0u5IKKT53Gh4CV_dYwY6hw5YN.C92TdiX-7qwh232?startTime=1647882048000
- View the webinar transcript: <https://www.aapd.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/032122-Running-for-Office-with-a-Disability-100pm.docx>
- View past REV UP events: <https://www.aapd.com/advocacy/voting/past-rev-up-events/>

Help with Voting Questions

- **Disability Rights Wisconsin Voter Hotline:** 1-844-347-8683 / 1-844-DIS-VOTE or email us at info@disabilityvote.org
- **Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition:** <https://disabilityvote.org/>
- **Your municipal clerk:** <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-US/MyMunicipalClerk>
- **Wisconsin Elections Commission:**
 - Phone: 866-VOTE-WIS/866-868-3944 (staffed Mon – Fri from 7:45 AM – 4:30 PM / longer hours on Election Day)
 - Email: elections@wi.gov
 - Website: <https://elections.wi.gov/>
- **DMV Voter ID Hotline:** (844) 588-1069
 - Apply for a free Photo ID for voting at the Wisconsin Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV): <https://wisconsin.gov/Pages/dmv/license-drvs/how-to-apply/id-card.aspx>
- **Vote411.org:** nonpartisan information about the candidates