

Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition

Are You Ready for the 2025 Spring Election?

Make Your Plan to Vote



About the Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition

- ▶ We are a non-partisan effort to help ensure full participation in the entire electoral process of voters with disabilities, including registering to vote, casting a vote, and accessing polling places.
- ▶ The Coalition is coordinated by Disability Rights Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities. Members include people with disabilities, community agencies, and other partners.

Why is voting important?

- ▶ Elected officials make decisions on things that are important to us.
- ▶ It shows elected officials that we care and are paying attention.
- ▶ It may change the way that an elected official votes on an issue.
- ▶ Local elections are as important as national.
- ▶ It's your civic responsibility!

If people with disabilities voted at the same rate as people without disabilities – that would be 2 million more votes!!

([Rutgers Disability and Voter Turnout in the 2022 Elections](#))

Voter Eligibility

Who is eligible to vote?

You are eligible to vote if:

- You are a U.S. Citizen.
- You will be at least 18 years old on or before Election Day.
- You have resided in Wisconsin for 28 days prior to the election.
- You are not currently serving a sentence including incarceration, parole, probation, or extended supervision for a felony conviction, also known as being “on paper.”
- You have not been determined by a court to be ineligible to vote (for example: through a guardianship decision).

Can I still vote if I have a guardian?

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

- ▶ To find out if you have the right to vote, you can:
 - ask the guardian to look at the “Determination and Order on Petition for Guardianship Due to Incompetency” (GN-3170) form.
 - contact the Municipal Clerk. The Clerk can check the list they receive from the state of individuals adjudicated incompetent and ineligible to vote.
- ▶ See resources on voting and guardianship at www.disabilityvote.org.

Registering to Vote

How Do I Register to Vote?

- ▶ **Online** at myvote.wi.gov.
Requires Photo ID. Available up to 20 days before the election.
- ▶ **Mail**.
Available up to 20 days before Election Day. Mail completed form to your municipal clerk.
- ▶ **In person**, at the municipal clerk's office through the Friday before the election. Must provide proof of residence.
- ▶ **At your polling place** on Election Day.
Must provide proof of residence and photo ID.
- ▶ **For voters who live in a care facility**, they may be able to register to vote with a Special Voting Deputy who is also appointed as an Election Registration Official.



What do I need to register?

Online:


- ▶ WI Drivers License or WI ID Card

Paper Form:

- ▶ An acceptable proof of residence document
- ▶ Your WI DL/ID number or the last 4 digits of your Social Security number if you don't have a WI ID.


How Can I Register Online?

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|--|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|------------------|---------------|--|
| | My Voter Info | Find My Polling Place | What's On My Ballot | Update My Name or Address | Register To Vote | Vote Absentee | |
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 NEXT STATEWIDE ELECTION

2024 General Election


Tuesday, November 5, 2024




[Vote Absentee By Mail](#)




[Where Do I Vote?](#)



[What's On My Ballot?](#)



[Register To Vote](#)



[Track My Ballot](#)

www.myvote.wi.gov

Important Registration Deadlines

For the 2025 Spring Election, you must register:

- ▶ Online or by mail: **March 12**
- ▶ In person at Municipal Clerk's Office: **March 28**
- ▶ At your polling place: **April 1**

Going to Vote

How do I Vote In Person?

Be Prepared!

- ▶ Check your polling place
- ▶ Preview your ballot
- ▶ Check your voter registration
- ▶ Curbside voting- call ahead
- ▶ Transportation – plan ahead
- ▶ Know your rights

Bring your photo ID.

Have questions, problems, or complaints?

Call the DRW Voter Hotline at 844-347-8683.

What are Wisconsin's Photo ID requirements for voting?



- ▶ Wisconsin requires photo ID for voting with a few exceptions.
- ▶ Acceptable Photo ID for voting does NOT have to include a current address. You only prove your address when registering.
- ▶ More information on the Photo ID law is available at bringit.wi.gov

Acceptable Photo IDs

WI DRIVER LICENSE



US UNIFORMED SERVICES



US PASSPORT BOOK OR CARD



WI DRIVER, STATE ID, OR IDPP RECEIPT



CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION



VETERAN AFFAIRS ID CARD



WI STATE ID



UNIVERSITY / COLLEGE + TECH COLLEGE

ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION



TRIBAL ID



*Some ID variations are not shown.



What are my key rights as a voter with a disability?

- ▶ Right to vote **privately and independently**.
- ▶ Right to **access** the polling place.
- ▶ Right to use the **accessible voting machine** at your polling place.
- ▶ Right to **ask for accommodations**, such as a chair to sit in rather than standing in line, signature guide, magnifying glass, assistance stating your name and address.
- ▶ Right to **assistance** marking your ballot (just not your employer or your union representative)

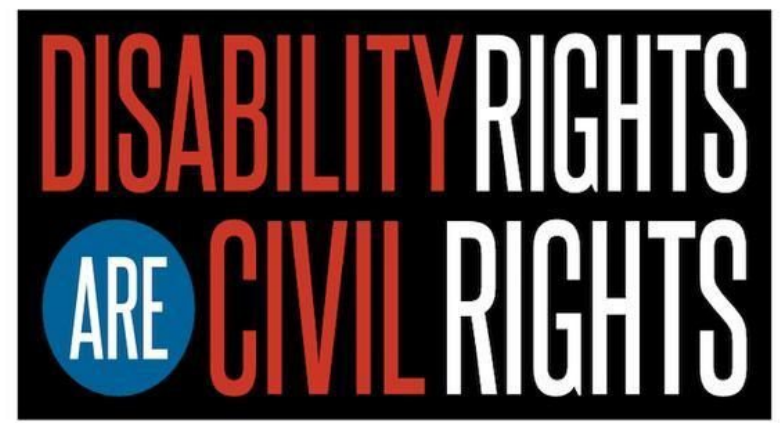
What is an accessible voting machine?

- ▶ Each polling place is required to have at least one accessible voting system.
- ▶ The accessible voting system must provide the opportunity for voters to vote privately and independently.
- ▶ Anyone can use the accessible voting system.
- ▶ Elections officials must make sure it's functioning properly in each election, and that election officials are trained to operate them.



More Rights

- ▶ You have the right to **Curbside Voting**, if you can't get into your polling place because of a disability.
- ▶ You can **file a complaint** if you feel your rights have been violated.
- ▶ If you make a mistake, you can **request another ballot** from the election officials.
- ▶ You may bring a "**notes sheet**" into the polling place.
- ▶ **No one should tell you how to vote.**



The Right to Assistance for Voters with a Disability

- ▶ Voters with a disability have the right to assistance with any part of the voting process. That right is protected by federal law.
- ▶ Voters with a disability, may request assistance with mailing or delivering their ballot from anyone who is not their employer or a representative of their labor union.
- ▶ Voters who do not have a disability can not have assistance delivering their ballot.

What is curbside voting?

- ▶ Required by law for any voter who cannot enter the polling place due to a disability.
- ▶ Curbside voting should also be available during in-person absentee voting at the clerk's office or alternate site.
- ▶ Contact your Municipal Clerk in advance of Election Day to determine the process to access curbside voting (e.g. honk your horn, ring a doorbell, call a phone number).

How Can I Vote Absentee?

- ▶ Request your absentee ballot **as soon as possible!**
- ▶ Follow directions carefully!
- ▶ You can request assistance.
- ▶ You will need a witness.
- ▶ **Return your ballot as soon as possible!!**
 - It must be delivered to your clerk, drop box, or polling place no later than 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Today's date: month day year

X **▲ Signature of Voter ▲**
(All voters must sign. If a voter is unable to sign, an assistant may sign the voter's name for them. The assistant must also sign their own name under the Certification of Assistant.)

3 Have your witness sign and write their address (below).

CERTIFICATION OF WITNESS (Required)
I, the undersigned witness, subject to the penalties for false statements of Wis. Stat. § 12.60(1)(b), certify that I am an adult U.S. citizen and that the above statements are true and the voting procedure was executed as stated. I am not a candidate for any office on the enclosed ballot (except in the case of an incumbent Municipal Clerk). I did not solicit or advise the voter to vote for or against any candidate or measure. I further certify that the name and address of the voter is correct as shown.

1. **▲ Signature of ONE Witness – an adult, U.S. citizen ▲**
(If witnesses are Special Voting Deputies, both must sign.)

2. _____
(If witnesses are Special Voting Deputies, both must sign.)

▲ Address of Witness – REQUIRED ▲
(street number or P.O. box number, street name, city, town, village, or postal route and box number, municipality, state and zip code.)

4 Mail back _____
is received by Election Day _____

Return 4-5 days for delivery to be sure that your ballot is received after Election Day will NOT be counted.

Wisconsin, WI 53202 | 414-286-3491 | www.milwaukee.gov

How do I request an absentee ballot?

- ▶ **Online:** myvote.wi.gov/en-us/VoteAbsentee
 - The first time you request an absentee ballot online, you must upload your photo ID.
- ▶ **By Mail:** Download the Application for Absentee Ballot from the Wisconsin Election Commission web site. Mail the completed form and a copy of your acceptable photo ID to your municipal clerk.
- ▶ **By Email:** Email your clerk your request with 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 at your clerk's office.

What is the absentee ballot witness supposed to do?

- ▶ Verify that you completed the absentee ballot but cannot tell you who or what to vote for.
- ▶ The witness should see you complete your ballot but should not see the choices you make on your ballot.
- ▶ 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".

Today's date: month _____ day _____ year _____

X _____
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Important Absentee Voting Deadlines

For the 2025 Spring Election, you must:

- ▶ request your Absentee Ballot by **March 27**
- ▶ return your absentee Ballot by **April 1, 8 p.m.**

Early voting may begin **March 18.**

What's on the Ballot?

What will be on my ballot?

Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice

Wisconsin Superintendent of Public Schools

Wisconsin Court of Appeals II, III, IV

Other Local Offices:

- school board
- common council
- Board of Supervisors
- Etc.

WI Supreme Court

- ▶ The final say in protecting our rights guaranteed by our state's constitution.
- ▶ Make critical decisions about voting rights, redistricting, reproduction rights, etc.
- ▶ Their decisions shape policies that directly impact our communities.

Wisconsin Supreme Court: Candidates (alphabetically)

- ▶ Susan Crawford
- ▶ Brad Schimel
- ▶ Know the candidates:
 - **Vote 411:** Vote411.org
 - **Ballotpedia:** Ballotpedia.org

WI State Superintendent

- ▶ Oversee public schools and libraries.
- ▶ Evaluates school performance.
- ▶ Ensures schools meet their IDEA responsibilities for students with disabilities.
- ▶ Distributes funding to schools and libraries.
- ▶ Their decisions shape policies that directly impact our communities.

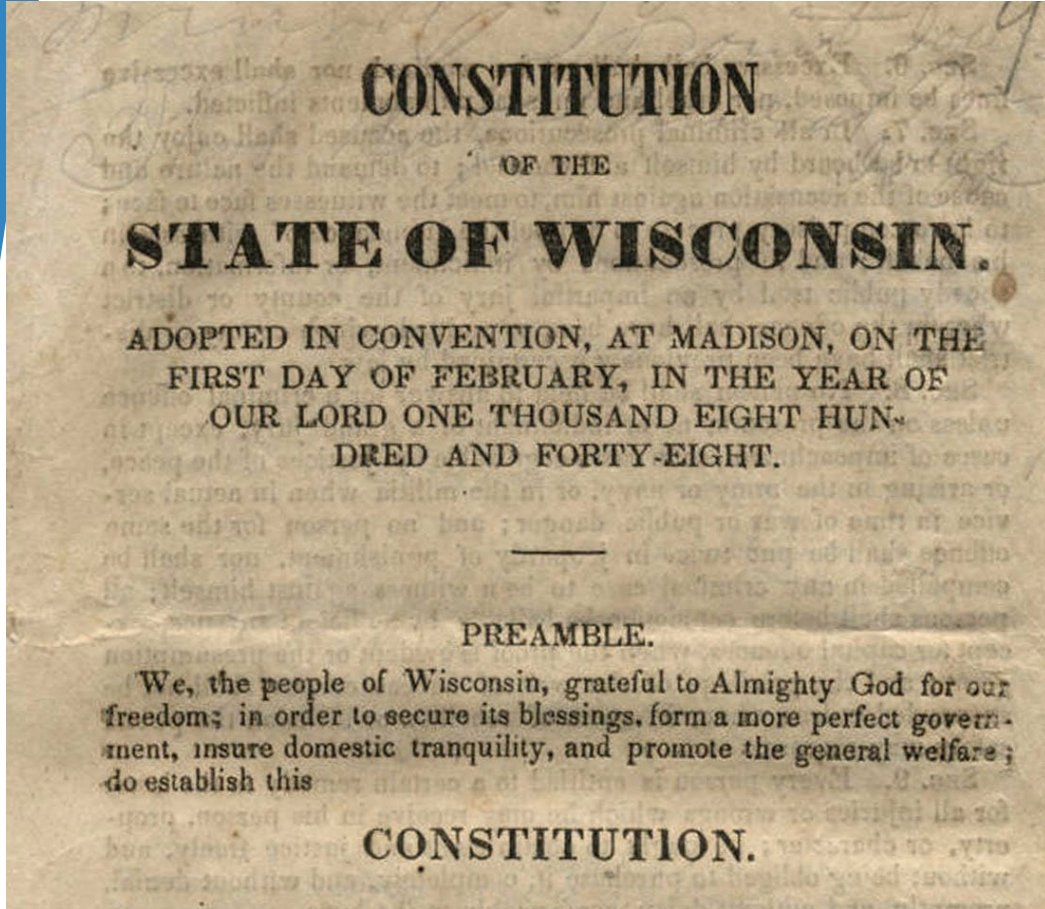
<https://disabilityvote.org/2021/state-superintendent-of-public-instruction-resources/>

State Superintendent: Candidates (alphabetically)

- ▶ Brittany Kinser
- ▶ Dr. Jill Underly (incumbent)
- ▶ Know the candidates:
 - **Vote 411:** Vote411.org
 - **Ballotpedia:** Ballotpedia.org

Other Local Races

- ▶ **Local Elections:** disabilityvote.org/2022/local-elections-factsheet/
- ▶ **Wisconsin Circuit Court:** disabilityvote.org/2021/wisconsin-circuit-court-fact-sheet/
- ▶ **School Board:** disabilityvote.org/2022/school-board-fact-sheet/
- ▶ **City Council:** disabilityvote.org/2022/city-council-fact-sheet/
- ▶ **County Board of Supervisors:** disabilityvote.org/2022/county-board-of-supervisors-fact-sheet/



Constitutional Amendment

Overview

A **constitutional amendment** is a change to the constitution. It is an addition or alteration to the constitution.

In Wisconsin, a constitutional amendment must pass the Legislature in two consecutive sessions and be approved by voters in a statewide election before it is officially added to the state Constitution.

April 1 – Constitutional Amendment

✘ Question:

Question: “Photographic identification for voting. Shall section 1m of article III of the constitution be created to require that voters present valid photographic identification verifying their identity in order to vote in any election, subject to exceptions which may be established by law?”

What does a “Yes” or a “No” vote mean?

A “yes” vote - means you want to change the constitution to add language to require valid photo identification to vote. It also authorizes the state legislature to pass laws to determine what qualifies as valid photo identification and exceptions to the requirement.

A “no” vote - means that you do not want the constitution to change. Photo ID will still be required since there is a separate law requiring it.



Vote **NO!**

- Photo ID laws create obstacles for disabled voters
- Wisconsin already has a photo ID law
- Making laws through constitutional amendment is divisive. Working together in lawmaking is best.

Staying Informed with Voting Resources

How can I be an informed voter?

- ▶ **Know what will be on your ballot** by looking it up on myvote.wi.gov.
- ▶ **Learn about the candidates.** Visit:
 - **Vote 411:** Vote411.org
 - **Ballotpedia:** Ballotpedia.org
 - **Wisconsin Vote:** wisconsinvote.org
- ▶ **Follow the Disability Vote Coalition.**
 - Sign-up for our E-newsletter and find resources on our website: disabilityvote.org
 - Follow our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/wisconsinindisabilityvote

Voting Resources [1/2]

Disability Vote Coalition:

- ▶ **Website:** www.disabilityvote.org
- ▶ **Facebook:** www.facebook.com/wisconsindisabilityvote

DRW Voter Hotline:

- ▶ **Call** 844-DIS-VOTE (347-8683)
- ▶ **Email** info@disabilityvote.org

Your Municipal Clerk

Find your municipal clerk using the My Municipal Clerk search at myvote.wi.gov/en-us/MyMunicipalClerk.

Voting Resources [2/2]

Wisconsin Elections Commission

- ▶ **Call:** 1-866-VOTE-WIS
- ▶ **E-mail:** elections@wi.gov
- ▶ **Visit:** elections.wi.gov

My Vote Wisconsin

Visit www.myvote.wi.gov for election, polling place, and ballot information, voter registration, requesting absentee, and more.

Getting a Photo ID

- ▶ Learn more at Bring It to the Ballot: www.bringit.wi.gov
- ▶ Wisconsin DMV Voter ID hotline: 844-588-1069
- ▶ Voter ID Helpline: 608-285-2141