



Disability Vote Coalition What's on the Ballot?

March 17, 2026

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.

www.disabilityvote.org

Did you know?

If people with disabilities voted at the same rate as people without disabilities - **that would be 1.75 million more votes!!**

- ▶ 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!

How Do I Register to Vote?

- ▶ **Online** at myvote.wi.gov. Requires Photo ID. Up to 20 days before the election.
- ▶ **Mail**. 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.

2026 Registration Deadlines

April 7, 2026 - Spring Election

- By mail or online: Wed, Mar 18
- In Person: Tues, Apr 7

August 11 - Partisan Primary

- By mail or online: Wed, July 22
- In Person: Tues, Aug 11

November 3 - General Election

- By mail or online: Wed, Oct 14
- In Person: Tues, Nov 3

2026 Absentee Voting Deadlines

- **Request Absentee Ballot:**
 - **By Apr 2 for the April election (don't wait that long!)**
 - Allow 2 weeks to return by mail
- **Return Absentee Ballot: By 8 pm on Election Day**
- **Early voting** may begin two weeks prior to the election and ends the Sunday before (March 24 - April 5)
 - Check myvote.wi.gov/en-US/MyLocalAbsenteeOptions for specific days and times.

My Voter Info

Find My Polling Place

What's On My Ballot

Update My Name or Address

Register To Vote

Vote Absentee By Mail

Track My Ballot

Vote Absentee In Person

MY LOCAL ABSENTEE OPTIONS

Vote Absentee In Person

My Local Absentee Options

My Municipal Clerk

Michelle Ebbert

City Of Fort Atkinson - Jefferson County

[Email Clerk](#)

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More Information

No information provided by clerk. Please contact your clerk for more information.

MY MUNICIPAL CLERK

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2026 Mid-Term Elections: What's on the ballot?

April 7, 2026 - Spring Election

- ▶ WI Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Circuit Courts
- ▶ Local Elections (school boards, county positions, etc.)

August 11, 2026 - Partisan Primary

November 3, 2026 - General Election

- ▶ Governor, Lt. Gov, Attorney General, Sec of State, Treasurer
- ▶ All 8 Congressional Representatives
- ▶ All 99 Representatives
- ▶ 17 State Senators (half)
- ▶ County Sheriffs
- ▶ County Clerks

Wisconsin Supreme Court

- ▶ **Who is running?** Current Court of Appeals Judges Maria Lazar and Chris Taylor
- ▶ The Justice elected in 2026 will serve for 10 years.
- ▶ The courts hear around 60 cases each year.
- ▶ The Wisconsin Supreme Court makes decisions that affect our rights and liberties. That includes decisions about legislative districts and maps, access to healthcare, the environment, and many disability issues.
- ▶ DVC fact sheet: [Wisconsin Supreme Court Fact Sheet](#)

Court of Appeals Judges

- ▶ Consists of 16 judges serving in four districts.
- ▶ 3-judge panels hear nearly all cases, except small claims actions, municipal ordinance violations, traffic violations, and mental health, juvenile, and misdemeanor cases. These exceptions may be heard by a single judge unless a panel is requested.
- ▶ Decisions made by the court of appeals may be appealed to higher courts.

[DVC Court of Appeals Fact Sheet](#)

Circuit Court Judges

- ▶ Wisconsin has 249 circuit court judges; at least one in each county.
- ▶ Judges are elected in non-partisan elections to serve for six-year terms.
- ▶ Circuit courts are the main trial courts for civil and criminal cases;
- ▶ Circuit Courts address issues that may impact people with disabilities:
 - Guardianships, civil mental health commitments, Termination of Parental Rights (TPR), CHIPS Petition (Child in Need of Protection and/or Services)

[DVC Circuit Court Judge Fact Sheet](#)

Local governments make decisions that directly affect our local communities. They are accountable to you and your neighbors.


They Make Decisions About			
Public transit 	School Quality 	Affordable housing 	Public health 
Policing and public safety 	Sanitation 	Water quality 	Economic development and job training programs 
Planning and zoning 	Libraries 	How millions of local tax dollars are spent 	Election administration 

Why vote in local elections?
Local officials are supposed to represent the community, but if only a fraction of voters vote them in, then only a small part of the community's interests are represented. When more voters cast their votes, the people who are elected are more reflective of the community. This means that they are likely to be more responsive.

Which local offices are elected?

Which local offices are elected varies by municipality. However, they can include:

- Mayor
- City Council
- School Board
- City Clerk
- City Treasurer
- Municipal Judge
- Coroner
- Sanitation Commissioner



Local Elections

Voting in every election is important.

Local races are as important, if not more, than larger races.

Local races elect people who make decisions about things that impact your everyday life.

View the Local Elections Matter factsheet here:

disabilityvote.org/2022/local-elections-factsheet/

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/wisconsin Disability Vote

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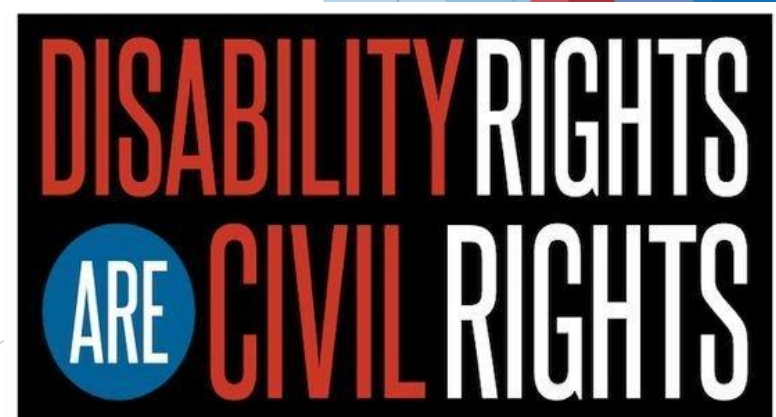
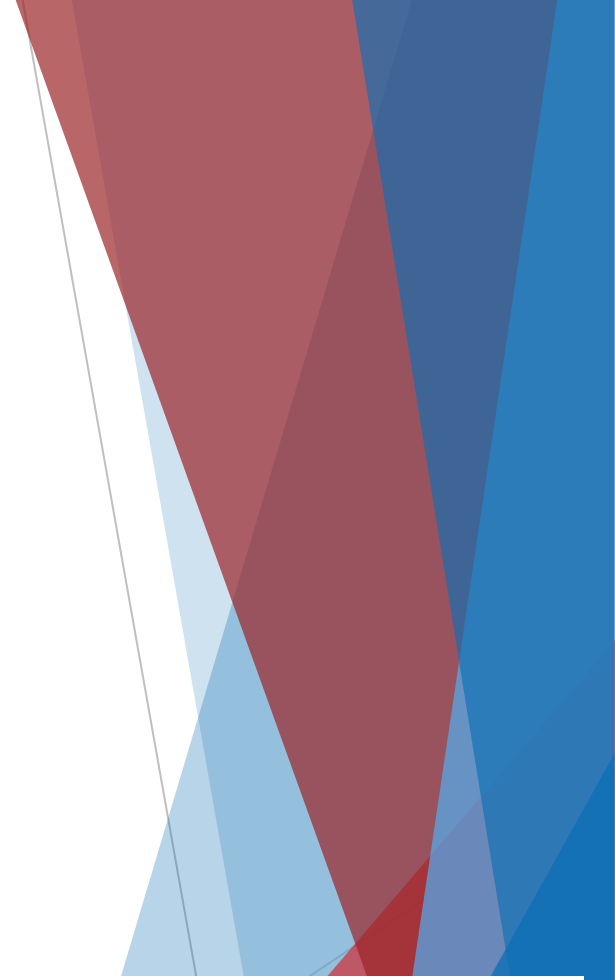
RIGHTS

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 **ask for accommodations**, such as a chair to sit in rather than standing in line, signature guide, magnifying glass, and assistance stating your name and address.
- ▶ Right to **assistance** marking your ballot (just not your employer or your union representative)

More rights

- ▶ Right to Curbside Voting if you can't get into your polling place as a result 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.**



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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.





What is curbside voting?

- ▶ Required by law for any voter who cannot enter the polling place due to a disability.
- ▶ 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).

Voting Resources [1/2]

Disability Vote Coalition:

- ▶ Website: www.disabilityvote.org
- ▶ Facebook: www.facebook.com/wisconsin Disability Vote

DRW Voter Hotline:

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

Rides to the Polls:

disabilityvote.org/2025/rides-to-the-polls/

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