

MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT

- ✓ Voters with disabilities make up 1 in 5 of the total voting population.¹
- People with disabilities are less likely to vote than people without disabilities.
- ✓ The ADA and HAVA require state, local, and federal governments to ensure that voters with disabilities have the same opportunity to vote that those without disabilities enjoy.²

VOTING AREAS AND POLLING PLACES MUST:

- ✓ ENSURE PHYSICAL ACCESS
 - wheelchair-accessible voting booths
 - entrances and doorways 32+in. wide
 - handrails on all stairs
 - voting equipment for people who are visually impaired³

- REASONABLY MODIFY POLICIES, PRACTICES, AND PROCEDURES
 - access to curbside voting
 - you may bring someone to help you vote
 - \circ vote from home⁴

✓ PROVIDE EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION

- sign language
- o interpreters
- \circ alternative formats



WHAT IF...

- ✓ I have a Guardian?
- ✓ I have a **mental illness**?

You **cannot be denied the right to vote** unless a Court has made a specific finding that you no longer have the right to vote.⁵

You **cannot be turned away** from the polls because a poll worker thinks you are "not qualified" to vote.⁶

¹ <u>Voters with Disabilities | American Civil Liberties Union (aclu.org)</u>

² Blocked from the Ballot Box: People with Disabilities (americanbar.org)

³ Voting and Election Laws | USAGov

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⁵ N.D.C.C. § 30.1-28-04(3)

⁶ Know Your Rights | Voting Rights (aclu.org)

WHO DO I ASK FOR HELP?

To Report Complaints and Problems...

- Contact your local P&A office. P&A will provide education, training, and assistance in filing complaints. Find your local office at: <u>Our Offices | Protection</u> <u>Advocacy Project, North Dakota (ndpanda.org)</u>.
- File a HAVA Complaint using <u>Microsoft Word Election Administrative Complaint</u> Form 2006-01.doc (nd.gov).
- A problem may also be reported to **Election Protection Hotline**: 1-866-OUR-VOTE

To Request or Learn About Accommodations or Accessibility...

- To **request accommodations**, ask what options you have, or to report a problem at your local polling location, contact https://www.sos.nd.gov/elections/voter
- For **accessible trainings** on how to exercise your rights as a voter with a disability, visit GoVoter SABE USA.
- For a **course on polling place accessibility requirements**, visit <u>Training | Rocky</u> <u>Mountain ADA</u>.
- For voting information in ASL, visit <u>SignVote: Creating and Sharing Election</u> Resources in ASL.⁷

For Additional Information...

- For a detailed **voting guide**, visit the <u>Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law</u>.
- For a **toolkit** on voting with a disability, visit the <u>Autistic Self Advocacy Network</u>.

P&A does not discriminate in admission or access to, or employment in, its programs and activities. If accommodations are needed as a result of a disability, or if you need this material in an alternative format, please contact us at 1-800-472-2670.

⁷ Know Your Rights | Voting Rights (aclu.org)