



# MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT

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- ✓ Voters with disabilities make up **1 in 5** of the total voting population.<sup>1</sup>
- ✓ 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.<sup>2</sup>

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## VOTING AREAS AND POLLING PLACES MUST:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ <b>ENSURE PHYSICAL ACCESS</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ wheelchair-accessible voting booths</li><li>○ entrances and doorways 32+in. wide</li><li>○ handrails on all stairs</li><li>○ voting equipment for people who are visually impaired<sup>3</sup></li></ul></li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ <b>REASONABLY MODIFY POLICIES, PRACTICES, AND PROCEDURES</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ access to curbside voting</li><li>○ you may bring someone to help you vote</li><li>○ vote from home<sup>4</sup></li></ul></li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ <b>PROVIDE EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ sign language</li><li>○ interpreters</li><li>○ alternative formats</li></ul></li></ul> |
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## 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.<sup>5</sup>

You **cannot be turned away** from the polls because a poll worker thinks you are “not qualified” to vote.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> [Voters with Disabilities | American Civil Liberties Union \(aclu.org\)](https://www.aclu.org/voters-with-disabilities)

<sup>2</sup> [Blocked from the Ballot Box: People with Disabilities \(americanbar.org\)](https://www.americanbar.org/blocked-from-the-ballot-box-people-with-disabilities)

<sup>3</sup> [Voting and Election Laws | USAGov](https://www.usa.gov/voting-and-election-laws)

<sup>4</sup> [Blocked from the Ballot Box: People with Disabilities \(americanbar.org\)](https://www.americanbar.org/blocked-from-the-ballot-box-people-with-disabilities)

<sup>5</sup> N.D.C.C. § 30.1-28-04(3)

<sup>6</sup> [Know Your Rights | Voting Rights \(aclu.org\)](https://www.aclu.org/your-rights-voting-rights)

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## 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: [Our Offices | Protection Advocacy Project, North Dakota \(ndpanda.org\)](#).
- **File a HAVA Complaint** using [Microsoft Word - Election Administrative Complaint 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 <http://vote.nd.gov>.
- 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 [Training | Rocky Mountain ADA](#).
- For **voting information in ASL**, visit [SignVote: Creating and Sharing Election Resources in ASL](#).<sup>7</sup>

### For Additional Information...

- For a detailed **voting guide**, visit the [Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law](#).
- For a **toolkit** on voting with a disability, visit the [Autistic Self Advocacy Network](#).

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<sup>7</sup> [Know Your Rights | Voting Rights \(aclu.org\)](#)