

Voters With Disabilities Info Sheet

2024 Election

As a result of successful litigation -- brought by the American Civil Liberties Union, the ACLU of Ohio, and law firm Covington & Burling on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Ohio – a federal court has struck down unlawful restrictions in Ohio’s House Bill 458 that made it a crime for all but a handful of family members to assist voters with disabilities in casting absentee ballots. Voters with disabilities can now choose a common-sense helper, grandchild, roommate, or any other trusted person of their choosing to deliver their ballot. **This is a win for democracy.**

Who to Contact With Questions

- **ACLU Ohio** - (614) 586-1958
- **Disability Rights Ohio** - Call DRO’s Intake line at 614-466-7264 or complete the [Online Intake Form](#)
- **Secretary of State ADA Coordinator** Call (877-767-6446) [Online Contact Form](#)
Secretary of State [Accessibility Webpage](#)

On Election Day:
Election protection hotline – Call 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683) for any violations or concerns while casting your vote.

Who Can Vote

- U.S. Citizens who are 18yrs old the day before the election.
- Have been a resident of Ohio at least 30 days prior to the election.

Who Cannot Vote

- Persons in jail or prison for a felony conviction.
- Persons who have been declared (for voting purposes) incompetent to vote by a probate court.
- Persons who have been disenfranchised for violations of election laws.

How To Vote

IN-PERSON ON ELECTION DAY: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024.

Cast your ballot at your designated polling location.
Find your polling location here: [Ohio Secretary of State](#)

Polls are open from 6:30a.m. to 7:30p.m.

How To Vote *continued*

IN-PERSON EARLY

When it starts: Tuesday, October 8, 2024.

When it ends: Sunday, November 3, 2024.

Where: At the board of elections office or another location designated by the board of elections.

Early in person schedule: is dependent on the election year and type [Voting Schedule](#).

BY MAIL

Voters with a disability can use a Remote Ballot Marking System to vote by mail.

To be able to vote with a Remote Ballot Marking System, the voter must:

1. Request to Use Remote Ballot Marking System if they have a qualifying disability under [ADA Secretary of State Form 11-G](#).
2. Provide an email address where the BOE can send the ballot.
3. An address where the BOE can send needed documents like an identity envelope (if address is not the same as the address the BOE has on file) [Secretary of State Form 12-A](#).

[Instructions for using a Remote Ballot Marking System to vote a mail-in ballot.](#)

CURBSIDE

The polling location should be clearly marked with information on how to vote curbside. The voter wishing to vote curbside can send someone into the polling location to initiate curbside voting. Precinct officials will confirm the voter's identity and proceed to bring out needed materials and provide instructions on how to complete ballot.

If the voter is unable to sign: precinct officials can assist and write that the voter is a curbside voter and unable to sign.

VOTING BY MAIL

Mail-In Voting can be used under special circumstances (disability or confinement) Special circumstances include voters who are confined to a nursing home, jail, or workhouse. Mail-In ballots can be request through using Form 11-F [Application for Absent Voter's Ballot by Confined Voter or a Voter With a Personal Illness, Physical Disability, or Infirmary 11-F](#) and allow for the ballot to be delivered by mail or BOE employees

- **Mail** – mailed back and postmarked the day before the election
- **Received/returned** by 2 BOE employees of different parties who deliver, witness the completion of the ballot, and return completed ballot to the BOE

Who Can Help You Vote

In-person (and curbside) - You are allowed to bring someone into the poll booth to assist, so long as the person is not a candidate appearing on the ballot, the voter's employer, or union representative.

Personal return of mail-in ballot - Voters with disabilities can receive assistance from a person of their choosing as long as they are not their employer or a union representative.