



# How to Vote in Alabama

Voters with disabilities, get ready and vote in the General Election on or before November 3, 2020, with this voter guide, prepared by AAPD's REV UP.



## 1. Registering to Vote

- **How can I register to vote?** You can register online at Alabama's [elections website](#) or by downloading and mailing [this form](#). If you think you've already registered, you check your voter registration status at [vote.org](#).
- **When do I need to register?** Make sure to register by October 19, because Alabama does not allow people to register on Election Day.
- **Do I need an ID?** You will likely need to have an Alabama address and an Alabama ID, or a social security number if you don't have a state ID.
- **Can I vote if I have a disability?** People with disabilities who are at least 18 years old have the right to vote. Your vote matters and is protected by laws to ensure voting is accessible, independent, and private. If you have a guardian, you can still vote, unless a judge has said that you may not vote. Contact your local [Protection and Advocacy organization](#) for help understanding or restoring your right to vote.



## 2. Learning about the Issues

- **What people or laws can I vote for?** Enter your home address in [Ballotpedia's Sample Ballot Lookup](#) to find out what is on your ballot, and learn about any policy changes, usually called "[ballot measures](#)" that you can vote on your [elections website](#).



## 3. Voting in Person

- **Where do I need to go to vote?** Find your polling place through [Alabama's elections website](#).

- **When can I vote?** Alabama does not allow in-person early voting, so you will need to vote on November 3 when your polling place is open.
- **Can I vote from a car if the polling place is inaccessible?** Alabama does not specifically allow curbside voting.
- **What if I want assistance with my ballot?** You may choose someone (except your boss, union agent, or a candidate) to assist you in marking your ballot.
- **Do I need an ID?** You will need to bring an [acceptable photo ID](#) to the polling place.

## 4. Voting by Mail

- **Can I vote by mail?** Yes, if you have a disability, you can vote absentee in Alabama. Additionally, any Alabama voter concerned about COVID-19 may vote absentee by selecting the following reason: “I have a physical illness or infirmity which prevents my attendance at the polls.”
- **How do I request a mail ballot?** You must fill out and print an [absentee ballot application](#), specific to your county, and mail or hand-deliver it to your [county Absentee Election Manager’s office](#).
- **When do I need to request and return my ballot?** The last day to request an absentee ballot is October 29, but make sure to request your ballot as soon as possible to make sure that your ballot is received by mail by 12pm at noon or hand-delivered by 5pm on November 3.
- **What if I want assistance with my ballot?** You may choose someone (except your boss, union agent, or a candidate) to assist you in marking your ballot. If you are completing your ballot remotely, someone assisting you may need to complete an affidavit that will be returned with the paper ballot.
- **How do I complete and return my ballot?** Absentee ballots are returned to the Absentee Election Manager (usually a Circuit Clerk). Alabama does not have an electronic absentee ballot available for voters with disabilities, and absentee ballots must be signed by the voter and two witnesses at least 18 years old. If you receive assistance with your ballot, you may need to complete and return an affidavit with the paper ballot.

- **Do I need an ID?** You will need to include a photo copy of an [acceptable photo ID](#) when you return your ballot.
- **Can I track if my ballot was counted?** Yes, you can track your ballot [here](#).

## 5. Additional Resources

- **Where can I find more info on how to vote?** For the most accurate and up-to-date elections info, contact your local elections office:

### **Alabama Secretary of State**

Address: P.O. Box 5616 Montgomery, AL 36103-5616

Phone: (334) 242-7200

Email: [Ed.Packard@sos.alabama.gov](mailto:Ed.Packard@sos.alabama.gov)

Website: [www.sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes](http://www.sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes)

- **What if I am having trouble voting or registering to vote?** If you have any trouble voting, contact your local Protection and Advocacy organization:

### **Alabama Disabilities Advocacy Program**

Address: The University of Alabama, Box 870395, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487

Phone: 205-348-4928, 205-348-9484 (TTD), 800-826-1675 (Toll Free)

Email: [adap@adap.ua.edu](mailto:adap@adap.ua.edu)

Website: [adap.ua.edu](http://adap.ua.edu)

- **What if I have more questions?** Check out these resources:

- [Guardianship and Voting Laws](#)
- [Resources for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Voters](#)
- [Resources for Blind and Low Vision Voters](#)
- [Easy Read and Plain Language Voting Resources](#)
- [Incarceration and Voting Rights](#)
- [Help with Getting a Voter ID](#)
- [Help with Getting a Printed Absentee Ballot Application](#)
- [ASL Hotline](#): 301-818-VOTE (301-818-8683)
- [Election Protection Hotline](#): 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683)