



How to Vote in Louisiana

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 Louisiana's [online registration portal](#) or by downloading and mailing [this form](#). If you have already registered, you can double-check your voter registration status at [vote.org](#).
- **When do I need to register?** Make sure to register by October 5, if you are registering in-person or by mail, or October 13 if you are registering online. Louisiana does not allow people to register on Election Day.
- **Do I need an ID?** You will likely need to have a Louisiana address and a Louisiana ID, or a social security number if you don't have a state ID.
- **Can I vote if I have a disability?** Yes! 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 likely cannot vote, but may be able to restore your vote. Contact your local [Protection and Advocacy agency](#) for help understanding or restoring your 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 or view it on the [state election website](#).



3. Voting in Person

- **Where do I need to go to vote?** If you are registered to vote, you can find your polling place through this [online portal](#) or contact your [Registrar of Voters](#).

- **When can I vote?** Louisiana allows in-person early voting, so you can vote between October 29 and October 27 and avoid lines on election day!
- **Can I vote from a car if the polling place is inaccessible?** Louisiana does not specifically allow voters to request a ballot from a car, if a polling place is inaccessible.
- **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?** Yes, 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 Louisiana. Otherwise, Louisiana requires an excuse, which could include higher personal risk of COVID-19, quarantining, or caring for someone at a higher risk or quarantining because of COVID-19.
- **How do I request a mail ballot?** You must request a ballot through your local [Registrar of Voters](#) online or by printing and mailing, faxing, or delivering an [application](#). Louisiana also has a [COVID-19 Emergency Application](#).
- **When do I need to request my ballot?** Your vote by mail ballot application must be received by 4:30pm on October 30, but request your ballot as soon as possible to make sure that your ballot is received on time!
- **How do I fill out my ballot?** Louisiana allows voters with disabilities to request an electronic absentee or Vote by Mail ballot that can be completed electronically and then printed out. In order to request an electronic ballot you must apply with [this form](#) and provide proof of disability if you are not already enrolled in the Disability Program. Louisiana requires a signature (that matches a past signature from you) or a mark and the signature of a witness. If receiving assistance, the person assisting you will need to sign an affidavit on the ballot.
- **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. Someone assisting you will need to complete an affidavit on the ballot.

- **How do I return my ballot?** Return your ballot by mail or hand-delivery to your [Registrar of Voters](#). Your ballot must be received by 4:30pm on November 2, so request your ballot as soon as possible if you plan to vote by mail!
- **Do I need an ID?** Yes, you will need to provide an [acceptable photo ID](#) number when you apply for your ballot. You will need to include a copy of your ID if you are applying to enroll in the disability program.
- **Can I track my ballot?** Yes, you can track your ballot on Louisiana's [online portal](#).

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 elections office:

Louisiana Secretary of State Elections Division

Address: 8585 Archives Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809

Phone: 225-922-0900, 225-922-0900 (disability program)

Website: www.sos.la.gov/

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

Disability Rights Louisiana

Address: 8325 Oak Street, New Orleans, LA 70118

Phone: 504-522-2337 Voice/TDD, 800-960-7705 Toll Free

Email: info@disabilityrightsla.org

Website: disabilityrightsla.org/

- **What if I have more questions?** Check out these resources:
 - [Incarceration and Voting Rights](#)
 - [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](#)
 - [ASL Hotline](#): 301-818-VOTE (301-818-8683)
 - [Election Protection Hotline](#): 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683)