



# How to Vote in Mississippi

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?** Mississippi does not have online registration, but you can mail in your registration using [this form](#). If you have already registered, you can double-check your voter registration status at [vote.org](http://vote.org).
- **When do I need to register?** Make sure to register by October 5th because Mississippi does not allow people to register on Election Day.
- **Do I need an ID?** You will likely need to have a Mississippi address and a Mississippi 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 can still 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. Learn about policy changes on the ballot, called "ballot measures," on [Mississippi's 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](#).

- **When can I vote?** Mississippi does not allow in-person early voting so you will need to vote on November 3 if you are voting in-person.
- **Can I vote from a car if the polling place is inaccessible?** Contact your local election office to find out if you can vote from your car.
- **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. If you do not have a photo ID you can sign an affidavit.

## 4. Voting by Mail

- **Can I vote by mail?** Yes, if you have a disability, you can vote absentee in Mississippi. Any person under physician ordered quarantine, or caring for those under physician ordered quarantine can vote by absentee ballot.
- **How do I request a mail ballot?** You can use [this guide](#) for step by step instructions on how to request an absentee ballot in Mississippi.
- **When do I need to request my ballot?** The last day to request an absentee ballot is November 2nd. Request your ballot as soon as possible to make sure that your ballot is received on time.
- **How do I fill out my ballot?** Mississippi does not have an electronic absentee ballot available for voters with disabilities, so you must complete a paper ballot. Check out [this link](#) for more information on getting help with your 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. If you are completing your ballot remotely, someone assisting you may need to complete an affidavit to be returned with the paper ballot. Check out [this link](#) for more information on getting help with your ballot.
- **How do I return my ballot?** You can either mail your ballot in or deliver it in person to your local elections office. Your ballot must be received by 7:00pm on November 3rd, or postmarked by November 3rd and received by November 8th, so request your ballot as soon as possible if you plan to vote by mail!

- **Do I need an ID?** Voters who vote by mail, fax, or email [do NOT need to provide ID](#).
- **Can I track my ballot?** Unfortunately, no, but you can help make sure your ballot counts by returning it as early as possible and following the instructions as best as you can.

## 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:
 

**Mississippi Secretary of State Elections Division**  
 Address: 401 Mississippi Street, Jackson, MS 39205  
 Phone: 800-829-6786 (Elections Hotline), 601-576-2550 (Elections Call Center)  
 Email: <https://www.sos.ms.gov/Pages/MailForm.aspx?m=A6FB9F9C-763F-4D90-84E2-CC1B7827EEC5>  
 Website: <https://www.sos.ms.gov/Elections-Voting/Pages/default.aspx>
- **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 Mississippi**  
 Address: 5 Old River Place Suite 101, Jackson, Mississippi 39202  
 Phone: 601-968-0600, 800-772-4057 (Toll Free)  
 Email: [ptribble@drms.ms](mailto:ptribble@drms.ms)  
 Website: <http://www.drms.ms/>
- **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](#)
  - [ASL Hotline](#): 301-818-VOTE (301-818-8683)
  - [Election Protection Hotline](#): 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683)
  - [Incarceration and Voting Rights](#)
  - [Help with Getting a Voter ID](#)
  - [Help with Getting a Printed Absentee Ballot Application](#)