



# How to Vote in Tennessee

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](#) or by downloading and mailing this [form](#). If you have already registered, you can double-check your voter registration status at [vote.org](#) or <https://govotetn.com/voting.html>.
- **When do I need to register?** Make sure to register by 10/5/2020 because Tennessee does not allow people to register on Election Day.
- **Do I need an ID?** You will need to have a Tennessee address and Tennessee driver's license or other state ID 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 right to 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?** The [GoVoteTN app](#) will let you see your sample ballot and candidate lists for upcoming elections. This can get you started on your research for who and what you should vote for.



### 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 [Voter Information portal](#).
- **When can I vote?** Tennessee does allow in-person early voting so you can vote between 10/14/2020 and 10/29/2020 and avoid lines on Election Day!
- **Can I vote from a car if the polling place is inaccessible?** Tennessee does not offer 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?** 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 Tennessee.
- **How do I request a mail ballot?** You can submit your written request for an absentee ballot by mail, fax, or e-mail. Find the [form](#) on [this site](#), and where to submit on [this site](#).
- **When do I need to request my ballot?** The last day to request an absentee ballot is 10/27/2020. Request your ballot as soon as possible to make sure that your ballot is received on time.
- **How do I fill out my ballot?** Tennessee will now use electronic ballots that are compatible with screen readers and electronically fillable. Once you complete your ballot, you will be able to print it out, and send it back to your county election office. You have to download and submit the [Print Disability Absentee Ballot Request Form](#); more information [here](#).
- **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 may need to complete an affidavit to be returned with the paper ballot.

- **How do I return my ballot?** The ballot has to be mailed to your local election office with a wet signature, unless it is an accessible ballot. Your ballot must be received by Election Day, so request your ballot as soon as possible if you plan to vote by mail!
- **Do I need an ID?** No, you do not need an ID when voting by mail.
- **Can I track my ballot?** Yes, you can track your ballot on the [Voter Information portal](#).

## 5. Additional Resources

- **Where can I find more info on how to vote?** Check out this [Disability Rights TN Factsheet](#) or contact your local elections office:
  - State Elections Office**  
 Address: 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue 7th Floor, Snodgrass Tower  
 Nashville, TN 37243-1102  
 Phone: 1-877-850-4959, (615)-741-7956  
 Email: Tennessee.Elections@tn.gov  
 Website: <https://sos.tn.gov/elections>
- **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 Tennessee**  
 Address: 2 International Plaza Suite 825 Nashville, TN 37217  
 Phone: 615-342-1660, 800-852-2852(TTY), 800-342-1660 (Toll Free)  
 Email: gethelp@disabilityrightstn.org  
 Website: <https://www.disabilityrightstn.org/>
- **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](#)
- [A Printed Absentee Ballot Application](#)

