



How to Vote in Texas

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 by downloading and mailing this [form](#). Texas does not have online registration. 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 10/5/2020 because Texas does not allow people to register on Election Day.
- **Do I need an ID?** Yes. You will need one of the seven approved forms of ID: a Texas driver license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS); Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS; Texas personal identification card issued by DPS; Texas handgun license issued by DPS; United States military identification card containing the person's photograph; United States citizenship certificate containing the person's photograph; or a United States passport.

If you do not have one of the above listed ID forms, you can still vote by showing an alternative form of identification. Visit [this site](#) for more information.

- **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, unless a judge says you cannot 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. You can also see your county's candidate ballot order [here](#).

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?** Texas does allow in-person early voting, so you can vote between 10/13/2020 and 10/30/2020 and avoid lines on election day!
- **Can I vote from a car if the polling place is inaccessible?** Yes, Texas does 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 (can provide alternative forms of identification).

4. Voting by Mail

- **Can I vote by mail?** Yes, if you have a disability, you can vote absentee in Texas.
- **How do I request a mail ballot?** You must request a ballot from your local elections office in person or through this [form](#).
- **When do I need to request my ballot?** The last day to request an absentee ballot is 10/23/2020. Request your ballot as soon as possible to make sure that your ballot is received on time.
- **How do I fill out my ballot?** Texas does not have an electronic absentee ballot available for voters with disabilities, so you must complete a paper ballot. You must make sure to sign your ballot or envelope when prompted, since the signature will be verified.
- **What if I want assistance with my ballot?** You are allowed to receive assistance with completing your ballot, except from your boss, union member, or a candidate. If someone helps you fill out the application, you must write that person's name and

address next to your signature on the application. The person helping you must also sign the application.

- **How do I return my ballot?** The ballot must be mailed or hand delivered to your [local elections office](#). Your ballot must be received by 11/3/2020, 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 include a photocopy of an [acceptable ID](#) in your ballot return envelope.
- **Can I track my ballot?** Unfortunately, no, but you can contact your local elections office to ask if the ballot was received.

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:

Texas Secretary of State

Address: P.O. Box 12060, Austin, Texas 78711-2060

Phone: 800.252.VOTE(8683), 512.463.5650

Email: elections@sos.texas.gov

Website: <https://www.votetexas.gov/index.html>

- **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 Texas

Address: 2222 West Braker Lane, Austin, TX 78758

Phone: 1-888-796-8683 (Voice/TDD), 800-252-9108 (Toll Free), 866-362-2851 (Video Phone)

Email: info@disabilityrightstx.org

Website: <https://www.disabilityrightstx.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](#)