



# HOW TO VOTE IN ALABAMA

A Quick Guide for People with Disabilities Voting in the 2022 General Election on or Before November 8, 2022.



## REGISTERING TO VOTE

- **How can I register to vote?** You can register:
  - If you have already registered, you can check if you are registered to vote at [vote411.org](https://vote411.org).
  - Online at Alabama's [Online Voter Registration Website](#).
  - By downloading and mailing the Alabama [mail in registration form](#).
- **When do I need to register?** Be sure to register to vote on or before October 24, 2022. Alabama does not allow people to register after this date or on Election Day for this election.
- **Do I need identification (ID) to register?** You will need to have an Alabama address and Alabama state ID card or driver's license. You can use your 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 18 years old or older have the right to vote. Your vote matters and is protected by laws to make sure voting is accessible, independent, and private. If you have a guardian, you can still vote, unless a judge said you cannot vote. For help understanding or getting back your right to vote, contact your local [Protection and Advocacy Agency \(P&A\)](#).

- **Can I vote if I have gone to jail or prison?** If you have gone to jail or prison, you should check to see if you are allowed to vote. Learn about voting rights for people who have [gone to jail or prison](#). You can also [contact your local P&A](#).



## LEARNING ABOUT THE ISSUES

- **What is a ballot?** A ballot is a list of who and what you can vote for. Your ballot will list candidates who are running for different offices, such as Senator or Representative. You vote by marking your choice on the ballot.
- **What is a ballot measure?** Sometimes, your ballot will have ballot measures. A ballot measure is a law, issue, or question that you can vote on. Voters get to decide if they agree or disagree with the ballot measure by voting yes to agree or no to disagree. You can learn about ballot measures on the Alabama [election website](#).
- **Can I look at my ballot before I go to vote?** Enter your home address in [Ballotpedia's Sample Ballot Lookup](#). This tool will give you a "sample ballot," which will show you what will be on your ballot when you vote.



## VOTING IN PERSON

- **Where do I need to go to vote?** The place where you go to vote in person is called a polling place. You can find your local polling place through the Alabama election website. [Find your polling place](#).
- **Can I vote before Election Day?** Unfortunately, Alabama does not allow voters to vote in person before Election Day. You will need to vote on November 8, 2022 if you are voting in person. If you are away from home on Election Day, you can vote by absentee ballot. Learn about voting by absentee ballot below.

- **Can I vote outside if the polling place is inaccessible?** No, Alabama does not allow voters to vote outside the polling place if it is inaccessible.
- **What if I want help with filling out my ballot?** You may choose someone to help you vote. Your helper cannot be a candidate or your boss. If you are part of a labor union at work, the person who helps you vote cannot be a representative of that labor union. [What is a labor union?](#) You may also ask for help from poll workers at the polling place.
- **Do I need an ID?** Yes, you will need to bring an acceptable photo ID to the polling place. Alabama's Election Office has a list of acceptable IDs that you may bring with you. [Learn about voter ID.](#)



## VOTING BY MAIL

- **Can I vote by mail?** If you have a disability or you are away from home on Election Day, you may be able to vote by mail in Alabama. This is called absentee voting. [What is absentee voting?](#)
- **How do I request a mail ballot?** You must request a ballot through your local elections office by mail or in person. [Request your ballot.](#)
- **Can I get an electronic absentee ballot?** Alabama does not have an electronic absentee ballot available for voters with disabilities, so you must vote on a paper ballot.
- **When do I need to request my ballot?** The last day to request an absentee ballot by mail is November 1, 2022. The last day to request your ballot in person is November 3, 2022. Request your ballot as soon as possible to make sure that you receive it on time.
- **Do I need to sign my ballot?** Be sure to sign your ballot when asked, since Alabama may require this signature to match one of your past signatures. The ballot also must either be signed by two witnesses who are over 18 years old or be witnessed by a notary. [What is a notary?](#)

- **What if I want help with filling out my ballot?** You should be allowed to choose someone, except for your boss, to help you with filling out your ballot.
- **How do I return my ballot?** You can return your ballot by mail or in-person delivery to the Absentee Election Manager. If you are returning your ballot by mail, it must be received by November 8, 2022 at 12 p.m. If you are returning your ballot in person, it must be received by November 7, 2022 at 5 p.m.
- **Can someone return my ballot for me?** No, only the voter may return their ballot to the election office, unless they are having a medical emergency. If you are having a medical emergency, you may have someone return your ballot for you.
- **Do I need an ID to vote by mail?** In Alabama, voters need to include a copy of valid photo ID when applying for an absentee ballot. You do not need to include a copy of ID when you return your ballot.
- **Can I track my ballot?** Yes, you can track your ballot online to see if the elections office has received it. You can do this on the Alabama election website. [Track your ballot.](#)



## MORE VOTING HELP

- **Where can I find more info on how to vote?** Check out the Alabama [state election website.](#)
- **What if I am having trouble voting or registering to vote?** If you have any trouble voting, [contact your local P&A.](#) The hotline number for voters with disabilities is 1-205-348-4928.
- **What if I have more questions?** Check out these resources:
  - [Alabama Secretary of State: Voter Guide](#)
  - [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)



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