



# HOW TO VOTE IN ARKANSAS

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).
  - By downloading and mailing the Arkansas [mail in registration form](#). Arkansas does not have online voter registration.
- **When do I need to register?** Be sure to register to vote on or before October 10, 2022. Arkansas 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 Arkansas address and Arkansas 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 should check your guardianship order to see if you are allowed to 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 Arkansas [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 Arkansas election website. [Find your polling place](#).
- **Can I vote before Election Day?** Arkansas allows any voter to vote in person before Election Day during the Early Voting period. You can vote between October 24, 2022 and November 7, 2022 and avoid lines on Election Day!
- **Can I vote outside if the polling place is inaccessible?** No, Arkansas 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?** Arkansas requires voters to show photo ID to vote in person. [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 ballot in Arkansas. 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, in person, email, or fax. [Request your ballot.](#)
- **Can I get an electronic absentee or vote by mail ballot?** Arkansas 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?** There are different deadlines for applying for an absentee ballot:
  - November 1, 2022 – if you are submitting your absentee ballot application by mail or online.
  - November 4, 2022 – if you are submitting your absentee ballot application in person or if a designated bearer is submitting the application for you. A "designated bearer" is someone you choose to help you with getting your absentee ballot, such as a family member, friend, or direct service professional. They can apply for the ballot, pick it up, and return it for you.
  - November 8, 2022 – If you are in a nursing home or hospital, the head of the hospital or nursing home can request your ballot for

you. They are called an "authorized agent." They must request your ballot by 1:30 p.m. on November 8.

- **Do I need to sign my ballot?** Be sure to sign your ballot or envelope when asked, since Arkansas requires this signature to match one of your past signatures.
- **What if I want help with filling out my ballot?** You should be allowed to choose someone to help you with filling out your ballot. Someone helping you may need to complete a statement called an affidavit to be returned with the ballot. [What is an affidavit?](#)
- **How do I return my ballot?** You can return your ballot by mail or in person to your county clerk's office. If you are returning your ballot by mail, it must be received by election officials by November 8, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. If you or a designated bearer are returning your ballot in person, it must be received by November 4, 2022 by close of business.
- **Can someone return my ballot for me?** Yes, you may choose to have someone pick up and return your ballot for you. This person is called a designated bearer. If you are living in a hospital or nursing home, you can have an administrator from the hospital or nursing home pick up and return your ballot for you. This person is called an authorized agent. [Learn about designated bearers and authorized agents.](#)
- **Do I need an ID to vote by mail?** Yes, you will need to include a copy of an acceptable ID in your ballot return envelope. If you are living in a hospital or nursing home, you can have an administrator from the hospital or nursing home write a letter saying that you are living there instead of using an ID. This person is called an authorized agent.
- **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 Arkansas election website. [Track your ballot.](#)



## MORE VOTING HELP

- **Where can I find more info on how to vote?** Check out the Arkansas [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 800-482-1174.
- **What if I have more questions?** Check out these resources:
  - [Arkansas 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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