



HOW TO VOTE IN LOUISIANA

A Quick Guide for People with Disabilities Voting in the 2022 General Election on or Before December 10, 2022.

NOTE: Louisiana's general election happens on December 10, 2022. Louisiana's primary election takes place on November 8, 2022, which is the date of the general election in all other states.



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.
 - Online at Louisiana's [Online Voter Registration Website](#).
 - By downloading and mailing the Louisiana [mail in registration form](#).
- **When do I need to register?** Be sure to register to vote in person or by mail registration on or before November 9, 2022, or you can register to vote by online registration on or before November 19, 2022. Louisiana does not allow people to register after this date or on Election
- **Do I need identification (ID) to register?** You will need to have a Louisiana address and Louisiana 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, it is likely that you are not allowed to vote, but may be able to get your right to vote back. 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 Louisiana [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 Louisiana election website. [Find your polling place](#).
- **Can I vote before Election Day?** Yes, Louisiana allows any voter to vote in person before Election Day during the Early Voting period. You can

vote on November 26, 2022 or between November 28 and December 3, 2022 to avoid lines on Election Day!

- **Can I vote outside if the polling place is inaccessible?** No, Louisiana 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. If you need help with voting, you must tell the local elections office that you need help before you go to vote. You can do this by filing a statement at your local elections office in person or by mail. [Learn about getting help with voting.](#)
- **Do I need an ID?** Louisiana requires voters either show a photo ID or sign a statement called an affidavit to vote in person. [What is an affidavit?](#) [Learn about voter ID.](#)



VOTING BY MAIL

- **Can I vote by mail?** If you have a documented disability or you are away from home on Election Day, you may vote by mail in Louisiana. This is called absentee voting. [What is absentee voting?](#) If you want to vote by absentee ballot because you have a disability, you must have a doctor write a note that says that you have a disability. You will give this note to the elections office when you apply for an absentee ballot.
- **How do I request a mail ballot?** You must request your absentee ballot online or by mail. [Request your ballot.](#)
- **Can I get an electronic absentee ballot?** Louisiana allows voters with disabilities to request an electronic ballot that they can fill out electronically, print, and return. [Request electronic ballot.](#)

- **When do I need to request my ballot?** The last day to request a ballot is December 6, 2022. Request your ballot as soon as possible to make sure that you receive your ballot on time.
- **Do I need to sign my ballot?** Be sure to sign your ballot or envelope when asked, since Louisiana requires this signature to match one of your past signatures. You must also have someone sign your ballot as a witness.
- **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 deliver it to the Registrar of Voters. Some voters with disabilities may be allowed to fax their ballot as an accommodation. Your ballot must be received by election officials by 4:30 p.m. on December 9, 2022.
- **Can someone return my ballot for me?** Yes, you may choose to have a family member return your ballot for you. They must complete and sign a statement on the ballot envelope.
- **Do I need an ID to vote by mail?** You will need to include a Louisiana state ID number from your state ID or driver's license when you apply for an absentee ballot. You do not need to include a copy of your ID when returning your absentee 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 Louisiana election website. [Track your ballot.](#)



MORE VOTING HELP

- **Where can I find more info on how to vote?** Check out the Louisiana [state election website](#). Learn about [voting assistance for voters with disabilities](#).
- **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 1-800-960-7705.
- **What if I have more questions?** Check out these resources:
 - [Louisiana Secretary of State Voter Hotline](#): 1-800-883-2805
 - [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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