



# HOW TO VOTE IN NORTH DAKOTA

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?** North Dakota does not have voter registration. If you are eligible to vote, you can vote in an election by bringing identification (ID) with you to vote. This ID must have your name, date of birth, and current home address.
- **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 North Dakota [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 North Dakota election website. [Find your polling place](#).
- **Can I vote before Election Day?** North Dakota allows any voter to vote in person before Election Day during the Early Voting period. The early voting period is set by the polling place, but it generally starts on October 24, 2022 and ends on November 7, 2022. Contact the local election office for more information.
- **Can I vote outside if the polling place is inaccessible?** No, North Dakota 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?** North Dakota requires voters to show ID that includes the voter's name, date of birth, and current home address. [Learn about voter ID](#).



## VOTING BY MAIL

- **Can I vote by mail?** Any voter in North Dakota can vote by mail in ballot. This is called an absentee voting or mail-in voting. [What is absentee voting?](#)
- **How do I request a mail ballot?** You must request your mail in ballot online or from your elections office. [Request your ballot.](#)
- **Can I get an electronic absentee ballot?** North Dakota 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?** North Dakota does not have a deadline for requesting an absentee ballot. 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 North Dakota 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, except for your boss, a union representative if you are part of a labor union, or a candidate, to help you with filling out your ballot.
- **How do I return my ballot?** You can return your ballot by mail or in person. Some counties may have ballot drop boxes. Your ballot must be postmarked and returned by November 7, 2022.
- **Can someone return my ballot for me?** Yes, you may choose to have someone return your ballot for you.
- **Do I need an ID to vote by mail?** You must include your North Dakota ID number when you apply to vote by mail. You do not need to include a copy of your ID when returning your mail 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 North Dakota election website. [Track your ballot.](#)



## MORE VOTING HELP

- **Where can I find more info on how to vote?** Check out the North Dakota [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 800-472-2670.
- **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)



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