



HOW TO VOTE IN KENTUCKY

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.
 - Online at Kentucky's [Online Voter Registration Website](#).
 - By downloading and mailing the Kentucky [mail in registration form](#).
- **When do I need to register?** Be sure to register to vote on or before October 11, 2022. Kentucky 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 a Kentucky address and your social security number to register to vote.
- **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

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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 Kentucky [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 location. You can find your local polling location through the Kentucky election website. [Find your polling location](#).
- **Can I vote before Election Day?** Kentucky allows any voter to vote in person before Election Day during the Early Voting Period. You can vote between November 3, 2022 and November 5, 2022 and avoid lines on Election Day. Some voters, such as voters with disabilities and those who are away from home on Election Day, have extra days that they can vote during a period called "Excused In-Person Absentee Voting." This period is from October 26-28, and October 31 to November 2.

Contact your local election office to see if you're eligible to vote during this period. [What is In-Person Absentee Voting?](#)

- **Can I vote outside if the polling place is inaccessible?** Some polling locations in Kentucky may allow voters to vote outside if it is inaccessible. This is called curbside voting. Contact your local election office for more information.
- **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 location.
- **Do I need an ID?** Kentucky 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 in Kentucky. This is called absentee voting. [What is absentee voting?](#)
- **How do I request a mail ballot?** You must request an absentee ballot through your local elections office. [Request your ballot.](#)
- **Can I get an electronic absentee ballot?** Kentucky allows voters who cannot fill out a paper ballot 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 an absentee ballot is October 25, 2022.
- **Do I need to sign my ballot?** Be sure to sign your ballot or envelope when asked, since Kentucky requires the signature to match one of your past signatures. If you cannot sign your ballot, you can fill out the

voter assistance form, write a personal mark, and have two witnesses sign your ballot.

- **What if I want help with filling out my ballot?** You are allowed to choose someone to help you with filling out your ballot. The person who helps you must sign the assistance form on the inner envelope of the absentee packet.
- **How do I return my ballot?** You can return your ballot by mail to the County Clerk's offices, or deliver it to a drop box. Your ballot must be received by election officials by 6 p.m. on November 8, 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?** In Kentucky, voters need to include a valid ID when applying 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 Kentucky election website. [Track your ballot.](#)



MORE VOTING HELP

- **Where can I find more info on how to vote?** Check out the [Kentucky 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 800-633-6283.
- **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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