



HOW TO VOTE IN MISSISSIPPI

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.
 - By downloading and mailing the Mississippi [mail in registration form](#). Mississippi does not have online voter registration.
- **When do I need to register?** Be sure to register to vote on or before October 10, 2022. Mississippi 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 Mississippi address and Mississippi 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. 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 Mississippi [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 Mississippi election website. [Find your polling place](#).
- **Can I vote before Election Day?** Mississippi only allows some voters to vote in person before Election Day. Voters with disabilities and voters who are away from home on Election Day are allowed to vote during this period, which Mississippi calls "In-Person Absentee Voting." If you are eligible to vote during this time, you can vote in person at your local election office starting on September 24, 2022. [What is In-Person Absentee Voting?](#)

- **Can I vote outside if the polling place is inaccessible?** Yes, Mississippi does allow voters to vote outside the polling place if it is inaccessible. This is called curbside voting.
- **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?** Mississippi 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 vote by mail in Mississippi. This is called absentee voting. [What is absentee voting?](#)
- **How do I request a mail ballot?** You must request an absentee ballot through your county clerk's office. [Request your ballot.](#)
- **Can I get an electronic absentee ballot?** Mississippi 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?** Mississippi 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 Mississippi may require this signature to match one of your past signatures. You must also have a witness sign your ballot or envelope when asked. You must also have your ballot witnessed by a notary. [What is a notary?](#)
- **What if I want help with filling out my ballot?** If voter is has a disability, they do not have to have their absentee ballot application and ballot

signed by a notary. They can have the ballot signed by a witness who is at least 18 years old.

- **How do I return my ballot?** You must return your ballot by mail. If you are returning your ballot by mail, it must be postmarked by November 8, 2022, and received by election officials on November 15, 2022.
- **Can someone return my ballot for me?** In Mississippi, you must return your ballot by mail. You can have someone help you return your ballot to a mailbox.
- **Do I need an ID to vote by mail?** No, you do not need an ID when voting an absentee ballot by mail unless you are voting for the first time in a federal election in Mississippi.
- **Can I track my ballot?** Unfortunately, you cannot track your ballot online to see if the elections office has received it. You can help make sure your ballot counts by returning it as early as possible and following the instructions as best as you can.



MORE VOTING HELP

- **Where can I find more info on how to vote?** Check out the [Mississippi 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 1-800-772-4057.
- **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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