

VOTING RIGHTS

Exercising Your Right To Vote: Title II of the ADA requires that “state and local governments ensure that people with disabilities have a full and equal opportunity to vote.”

What exactly does Title II of the ADA ensure me?

- Accessible Polling Places
- Wide Doorways
- Modifying existing building rules
- Parking Lots
- Voting Equipment
- Allowing alternate forms of ID
- Curb Cuts
- Non-Discriminatory Policies
- Requires accessible voting booths to have an equal level of privacy
- Ramps

FACT: More than 16 million Americans with disabilities are not registered to vote.

According to New Jersey’s Self-Advocates, voting is important because:

“It’s a way to advocate for yourself and what you believe in!”

“It’s about using your voice and letting everyone know where you stand.”

As Advocates and Registered Voters, it is your right and your responsibility to plan ahead for election days.

FACT: You do NOT have to be your own guardian to vote. You do need to be registered to vote, at least 18 years of age, and a US citizen.

Are you registered? Find out by visiting this website:

<https://voter.njsvrs.com/PublicAccess/jsp/UserLogin/Login.jsp>

Transportation: It is your responsibility to ask a parent, friend, or member of your Support Staff to help you get to your polling place. If you can’t make it to your polling place on Election Day, please consider a Vote By Mail application. Applications for a Vote By Mail ballot must be filled out and received by mail at your County Clerk’s office **ONE WEEK** before the election.

Do you know where your polling place is located?

Find out here: <https://voter.njsvrs.com/elections/polling-lookup.html>

Would you like assistance in the voting booth?

You can ask a friend, family member or staff member to enter the booth with you.

You can also request assistance from poll workers at your polling place on Election Day: two workers from two different political parties (one Democrat and one Republican, for example) can assist you in the voting booth. If you require a headset or other accessibility option, don’t be shy: ask a poll worker for assistance.

On election days, Disability Rights New Jersey will have attorneys available by telephone to answer questions concerning disabilityrelated voting problems or accessibility issues you might experience: 800-922-7233 or (619) 633-7106 (TTY)

