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# KNOW YOUR VOTING RIGHTS

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# Know Your Voting Rights

- The goal of this presentation: is to ensure full participation in the electoral process for persons with disabilities, in registering to vote, casting a vote and accessing polling places. This workshop will focus on eliminating barriers to the electoral process, implementing best practices, voting under limited guardianship, developing self-advocacy skills and protecting your rights.



# Arizona Center for Disability Law (ACDL)

- **Our Mission:** ACDL is a non-profit law firm that assists Arizonans with disabilities to promote and protect their legal rights to independence, justice, and equality.
- **Our Vision:** A society where people with disabilities enjoy full acceptance without barriers.



# ACDL

**ACDL** is part of the nationwide Protection and Advocacy (P&A) system, which includes the Protection and Advocacy for Voting Access (**PAVA**) project.

National Disability Rights Network/Protection and Advocacy [www.ndrn.org](http://www.ndrn.org)



# Protection and Advocacy for Voting Access (PAVA) project

- PAVA's are mandated to "ensure the full participation in the electoral process for individuals with disabilities, including registering to vote, casting a vote and accessing polling places."
- "People with disabilities have the same right to cast a **private** and **independent** ballot as their fellow Americans."



# Purpose of the Presentation

- The purpose of this brief presentation is to provide a general overview and brief summary of voting information.
- It is **not** intended as a substitute for legal advice.
- Please contact your state, county, and local election officials for more information.



# Accessing the Electoral process for persons with disabilities

- Voting Rights training for persons with disabilities-Self Advocates collaborate
- Voting under limited guardianship
- DDD-Support members rights to have access to the electoral process
- Provider Agency regarding members access to the electoral process
- Provided best practices trainings for election officials
- Website design and content





# Accessing the Electoral process for persons with disabilities

- Deputy Registrar trainings/Persons with Disabilities
- Increase voter registration among persons with disabilities
- Disability Roundtable focusing on persons with disabilities
- Provided resources to election officials
- Provided feedback regarding accessible voting equipment



# **Accessing the Electoral process for persons with disabilities Requesting Accommodations**

- Registering to vote
- Casting a vote
- Accessing polling places



# Registering to Vote in Arizona

- Be a United States citizen
- Be a resident of Arizona and the county listed on your registration
- Be 18 years of age or older on or before the day of the next regular General Election
- Will have been a resident of the state twenty-nine days next preceding the election
- If convicted of a felony, must have civil rights restored
- Has not been found mentally incapacitated by a court.



# Voting Under Limited Guardianship

- A person for whom a limited guardian is appointed shall retain the right to vote if....
- A judge determines by clear and convincing evidence that the person retains sufficient understanding to exercise the right to vote



# Voters Without a Permanent Home

- A person who does not reside at a fixed permanent or private structure shall be properly registered to vote if that person is qualified and if that person's registration address is any of the following places located in the state:



# Voters Without a Permanent Home

- A homeless shelter to which the registrant regularly returns
- A temporary place for living that the individual is a resident of (halfway house, transition housing, etc.)
- The county courthouse in the county in which the resident resides
- A general delivery address for the post office covering the location where the registrant is a resident



# Voters Without a Permanent Home

- A person who is otherwise qualified to vote shall not be refused registration or declared not qualified to vote because the person does not live in a permanent, private or fixed structure



# Where to Register

- **Online** – If you have an Arizona Driver License and/or an Arizona non-operating I.D. card issued by the Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) you may register to vote through [Service Arizona EZ Voter Registration](#)
- State Agencies
- County Recorder Office
- By mail
- Organizations
- You must be register 29 days prior to an election to vote.





# Prior to Election Day

- You must be register 29 days prior to an election to vote.
- Check to see if your voter registration information is up to date
- Update your voter registration information if needed:
  - *You recently moved to a new address*
  - *Your name has been legally changes*
  - *You would like to change your political party*
- Identify the location of your Polling place or Voting Center
- Have appropriate Identification (ID) <https://azsos.gov/elections/voting-election>



# Prior to Election Day

- **Special Election Board**

A two member board consisting of two people from different political parties that provides voting assistance to voters who, due to confining illness or disability, are unable to vote at a polling.

Such requests must be made by 5:00 p.m. on the second Friday before the election.



# On Election Day

- **Bring Valid Identification**
- Arizona Secretary of State List [www.azsos.gov/elections/voting-election](http://www.azsos.gov/elections/voting-election)



# Election Marshal

- The election marshal shall preserve order at the polls and permit no violation of the election laws from the opening of the polls until the count of the ballots is completed. The election marshal shall also periodically measure the length of waiting times at that polling place throughout the day, and if the waiting time is thirty minutes or more, the marshal shall inform the officer in charge of elections and shall request additional voting machines, voting booths and board workers, as appropriate. The election marshal may perform the duties of any other election board member on a relief basis.



# On Election Day

## Voters with Disabilities:

- **Accessible Polling Places:** All polling locations and vote centers have been chosen with special needs voters in mind.... provide handicap parking and be able to accommodate individuals in wheelchairs, as well as, individuals with visual or hearing impairments.
- **Accessible Voting Systems:** All polling locations and vote centers must have an accessible voting device... each polling location will have magnifying instruments, large print versions of the publicity pamphlets and trained poll workers who are ready to assist you
- **Curbside Voting:** Voters who are unable to enter the polling location or voting center may ask that a ballot be brought to them by an election poll worker.
- **Permanent Early Voting:** Voters who have a permanent physical disability, just like any other eligible voter, may request to be placed on the Permanent Early Voter List (PEVL)
- **Assistance Completing Election Materials:** If an individual is unable to sign or fully complete election materials such as a voter registration form, early ballot, and early ballot affidavit, they may be assisted by an individual who is willing to help at that person's direction. This also includes receiving assistance at the polling place by poll workers of two different parties, or an individual the voter with a disability chooses.



# Provisional ballot

- A provisional ballot is given to anyone who is not on the polling location's roster or if the voter was unable to provide a valid form of identification. There are a few reasons why your name was not included on the roster.
- You recently moved and did not update your voter information in time
- You voted at a polling place not assigned to you
- You requested an early ballot by mail
- Your voter registration is no longer active or you are not registered at all



# ACDL Election Day Hotline

- Operates on Election Day to assist voters with disabilities
  - *When: On Election Day*
  - *Time: 6am to 7pm*
  - *Telephone: (602) 274-6287 or 1-800- 927- 2260*



# (HAVA) Help America Vote Act Complaints

- The Arizona Secretary of State has jurisdiction to address complaints alleging a violation of Title III of the Federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA).
- State of Arizona Election Administrative Complaint Form
  - [https://azsos.gov/sites/default/files/hava\\_grievance\\_form.pdf](https://azsos.gov/sites/default/files/hava_grievance_form.pdf)





# Election Resources

- Arizona Center for Disability Law

[www.azdisabilitylaw.org/voting-rights-information/](http://www.azdisabilitylaw.org/voting-rights-information/)

- ACLU of Arizona

[www.acluaz.org/en/voting](http://www.acluaz.org/en/voting)



# Election Resources

- **The U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC)**
  - <https://www.eac.gov/>
  
- **Arizona Citizens Clean Elections Commission**
  - <http://www.azcleanelections.gov/>
  
- **Arizona Secretary of State**
  - <https://www.azsos.gov/elections>
  
- **County Recorder Offices and County Election Departments**



# Election Resources

- Self Advocates Becoming Empowered
  - [www.sabeusa.org/](http://www.sabeusa.org/)
- League of Women Voters of Arizona
  - <https://my.lwv.org/arizona/arizona-local-leagues>



# Arizona Protection and Advocacy

- Arizona Center for Disability Law
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