

How-To Summary for Voters

Below is an excellent summary of how all eligible citizens can **vote no matter who you are or where you live**. Janet Zander circulated it and it was on our List Serve. The Disability Coalition prepared it. Excuse the duplication if you have already seen it. I take no credit other than opening it and forwarding it to all of you. Still uncertain, one can always contact their local county/city clerk's office. Regards, Ted

Voting News from the Disability Vote Coalition

The Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition is a non-partisan effort to help ensure full participation in the electoral process of voters with disabilities.

Check out our resources on the [Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition](#) and follow us on [Facebook](#).

Share Our Voting News!

Do you have a newsletter? We hope you will use information from our newsletter in yours – pass it on! If you would like us to prepare a customized newsletter story for you, email us at info@disabilityvote.org

Update on Supreme Court of Wisconsin Decision

On July 8th, the Supreme Court of Wisconsin issued a ruling that will impact the voting rights of many Wisconsinites with disabilities. Disability Rights Wisconsin is one of the parties in this case, and provided this guidance:

Absentee voting protections for people with disabilities after the Supreme Court of Wisconsin Teigen decision

Federal law protects the right of people with disabilities to have assistance mailing their ballot, and also to have a person of their choice deliver their ballot to their clerk or polling place. Teigen did not limit or alter federal laws that protect the rights of voters with disabilities, such as the [Voting Rights Act](#) and the [Americans with Disabilities Act](#).

- If a voter with a disability needs someone else to mail their ballot, they should feel comfortable doing so.
- If a voter with a disability needs assistance with ballot delivery, we recommend they contact their clerk and ask for a disability related accommodation. Find your clerk at: [My Municipal Clerk \(wi.gov\)](#)
- DRW is preparing a sample accommodation request. When it is available, it will be posted on our [website](#) and on the [DRW website](#).
- Questions or concerns? Contact the Disability Rights Wisconsin Voter Hotline: 844-347-8683/ info@disabilityvote.org
- [Read Our Voices, Our Votes: Disabled Voters Speak Out on Voting Rights and Ballot Return Assistance here.](#)
- [Read the Supreme Court of Wisconsin Opinion in Richard Teigen v. Wisconsin Elections](#)

Note: If you request a disability related accommodation and are denied, we want to hear from you. Contact the DRW Voter Hotline or email us.



August 9th Election FAQs

Tuesday August 9th is the partisan primary Election in Wisconsin. The election is already underway as voters are completing and returning their absentee ballots. Here are some of the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) that the Disability Vote Coalition is hearing:

What is a Partisan Primary?

- Voters in the primary will determine which candidates will be on the ballot in the November election. A partisan primary means you can only vote in one party. You must choose a political party and you can only vote for candidates in that party. You do not need to be a member of that party. What's on your ballot depends on where you live and the party you select.

What are the deadlines for voter registration?

- Deadline to register online or by mail: July 20
- Deadline to register in person at your clerk's office: August 5
- Register at your polling place: August 9
- Absentee ballots: request and return as soon as possible

What's on the Ballot?

- Federal offices: U.S. Senate and Representative to Congress.
- State offices: Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Treasurer, Secretary of State, State Senator (odd-numbered districts), State Representative.
- Some counties: Offices of Sheriff, Clerk of Circuit Court and Coroner
- View your ballot at [MyVote Wisconsin](#)

How can I learn about the candidates?

[Wisconsin | VOTE411](#) will help you to be an informed voter.

VOTE411 provides:

- Non-partisan Candidate Information including a personalized ballot and candidate information
- See what's on your ballot.
- Find your polling place
- Discover upcoming debates and forums in your area

I am voting absentee – who can be my witness?

Wisconsin law requires that your ballot be witnessed. The witness must be at least 18 years old, and is a US citizen. Anyone who meets those requirements can be your witness.

- The witness must verify that you completed the absentee ballot but should not see your choices.
- If you need assistance completing your ballot, the witness may also be your assistor. The assistor must sign the "Certificate of Voter Assistance" on your ballot.
- Put your absentee ballot in the return envelope and seal it.
- Your witness must sign the return envelope and write their address on the line marked "Signature of Witness".
- Sign and date the return envelope on the line "Signature of Voter".
- Return the completed witness ballot as soon as possible. Your absentee ballot must be received by 8 PM on Election Day.

How can I educate the candidates?

Find out where the candidates stand on disability issues. Use our candidate questions to educate the candidates. Share these questions with candidates at a candidate forum, in an email, a post to social media, or in a letter to the editor:

- [Key Questions for Candidates for State Office \(accessible PDF\)](#).
- [Key Questions for Candidates for Congressional Office \(accessible PDF\)](#).

How Can Our Agency Support Our Members with Voting?

Do you work for an agency that supports people with disabilities? Voting is an important client rights issue. Here's how you can help:

- Share voting resources with your members/ clients. We can send you free materials. Here are few of the most popular:
- ["Make Your Plan to Vote" fact sheet](#)

- [2022 Election Postcards](#)
- [2022 Election Posters](#).
- [Know Your Rights](#) fact sheet
- For more resources, check out this list: [Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition Products](#)
- Provide voter registration information on your website and social media. Include a link to [MyVote Wisconsin](#) and to the [Disability Vote Coalition](#).
- Include a question about voting as part of your intake process. Ask if the client wants help with voter registration or to request an absentee ballot. Refer them to the Disability Rights Wisconsin Voter Hotline or ask us to give them a call. 844-347-8683 or email info@disabilityvote.org
- Hold a virtual training about voting. We can provide speakers and resources. Contact us at info@disabilityvote.org

VOTING QUESTIONS?

Help is available! Contact these resources:

- **Your municipal clerk:** myvote.wi.gov/en-US/MyMunicipalClerk
- **Disability Rights Wisconsin Voter Hotline:** 1-844-347-8683 / 1-844-DIS-VOTE
Email us at info@disabilityvote.org
- **Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition:** disabilityvote.org/
- **Wisconsin Elections Commission:**
1-866-VOTE-WIS elections@wi.gov elections.wi.gov/
- **DMV Voter ID Hotline: (844) 588-1069.** Apply for a free Photo ID for voting at the [Wisconsin Division of Motor Vehicles](#) (DMV).
- **Bring It to the Ballot:** <https://bringit.wi.gov/> Information about Wisconsin's photo ID law and other voting information.

- Vote411.org and ballotpedia.org: nonpartisan information about the candidates