

You have the right to access your local polling place

- Arkansas law says voting locations must be accessible to voters with disabilities and allow voters with disabilities to personally and secretly execute their ballots at the polling places.

You have the right to request assistance with marking and casting your ballot

- Arkansas law says a voter has the right to be assisted by the person of their choice, who may not comment on or interpret their choices.

OR

- Two poll workers, one to assist with voting and one to oversee. Neither shall make a comment or interpretation.

You have the right to be accommodated

- Any voter with a disability who informs a poll worker that they are unable to stand in line for extended periods of time shall be entitled to and assisted by a poll worker to advance to the head of the line.

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Vigorously advocate for and enforce the legal rights of people with disabilities in Arkansas.

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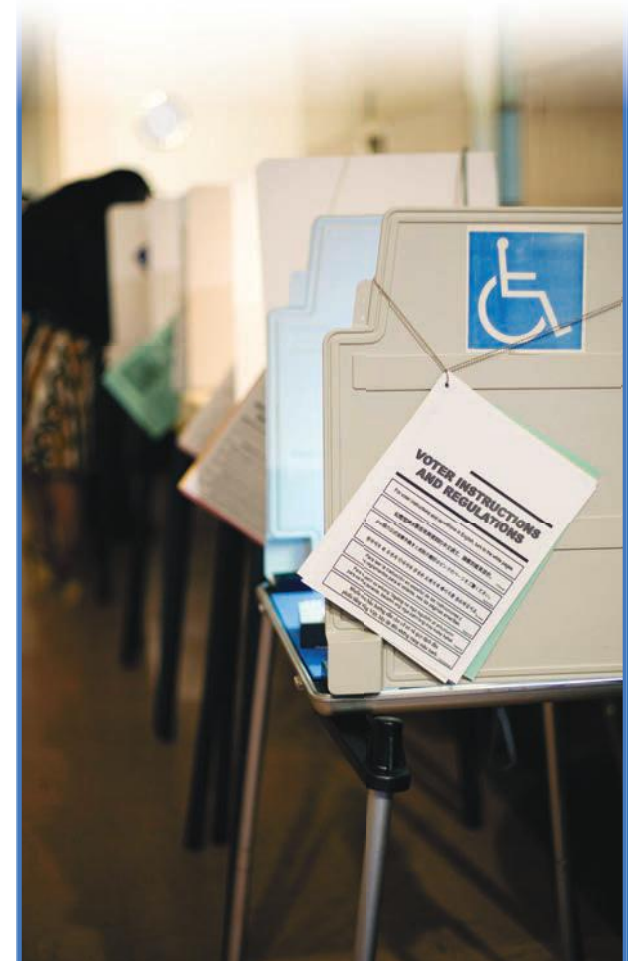


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Protection & Advocacy for Voting Access



Established in 2003 as part of the Help Americans Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA). The PAVA program seeks to ensure that individuals with disabilities have full participation in the electoral process through voter education regarding registering to vote, casting a vote and accessing the polling sites. Activities also include training of poll officials and polling site accessibility surveys.

You have the right to vote

- The United States Constitution guarantees the right to vote to all American citizens who are 18 or older.
- Arkansas Law requires that you live in Arkansas, are registered in your town or city of residence and are not currently serving a prison or jail sentence.
- You may not vote in Arkansas if you are a convicted felon who has not been discharged or pardoned, or if you have been adjudged mentally incompetent as to your ability to vote.

How to Vote

In Person Voting: On Election Day, vote at the polling place on the voter registration card you received in the mail. If you will be unable to make it to your polling place on Election Day there are other options available to you.

Early Voting: Depending on the type of election, early voting will be open 7 to 15 days before Election Day. In most counties, early voting is conducted at the county clerk's office. However some counties conduct off-site early voting. Check your local newspaper or call your county clerk to find out where early voting will be held.

Absentee Voting: Absentee voting allows you to vote by mail using an absentee ballot. You can request an absentee ballot application by contacting your County Clerk in the county where you are registered to vote. If you do not know the phone number and address for your county clerk's office you can get that information by calling 501.372.7550.

You may also download an absentee ballot application at: <http://www.sos.arkansas.gov/elections/Pages/absenteeVoting.aspx>

Voting Resources

If you have any trouble at the polls while trying to cast your vote you can always call us here at DRA or any of these other resources:

Arkansas Secretary of State; Elections Division

www.sos.arkansas.gov
Phone: 501.682.5070
Toll Free: 800.482.1127

Arkansas State Board of Election

<http://www.arkansas.gov/sbec/>
Phone: 800.411.6996

American Civil Liberties Union of Arkansas

www.acluarkansas.org
Phone: 501.374.2660

Arkansas Independent Living Council

www.ar-silc.org
Phone: 501.327.0607
Toll Free: 800.772.0607



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