

You can also get help in marking your ballot from election officials from two different political parties. By law, no one who helps you vote can tell you how to mark your ballot or provide information to others about how you voted. See R.C.3505.24.

ACCESSIBILITY LAWS PROTECTING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES' RIGHT TO VOTE

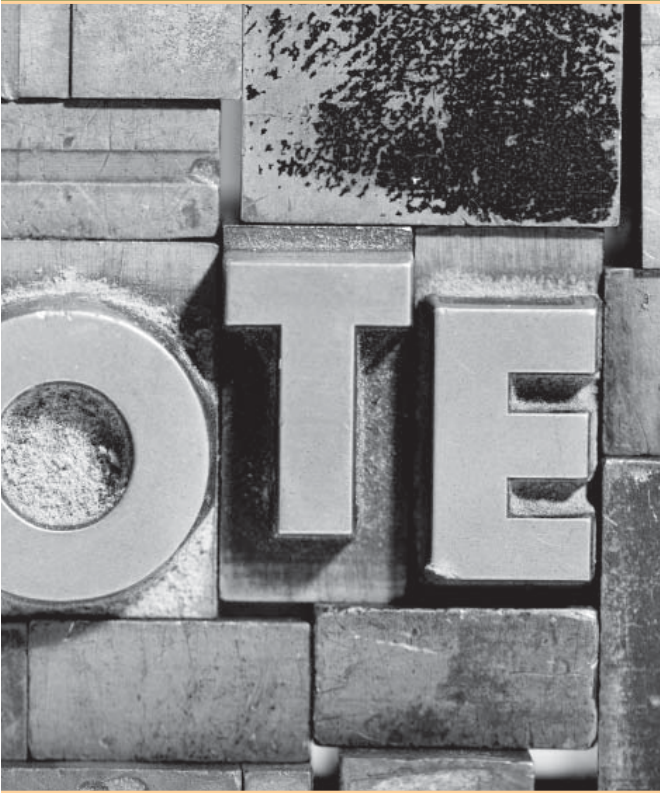


In Ohio, voting locations are required by state and federal law to be accessible for people with disabilities. You must be able to vote in the same way that other voters do.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)

The ADA

- Helps make sure that all people with disabilities are treated fairly.
- Makes sure that people with disabilities can:
 - o Apply for the same jobs.



- o Receive the same state and local government services.
- o Use the same public places, facilities, and transportation as other people.
- Made TDD/telephone relay services possible.

The ADA protects people with disabilities against receiving unequal treatment within state

and local government services, programs and activities (see ADA, Title II).

This law includes the right to vote.

For more information on the ADA please visit the Department of Justice's Web site at www.ada.gov.

HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT (HAVA)

HAVA helps people with disabilities vote by making sure that:

- Voting locations are easy to get to and to use.

- People who are blind or have problems seeing get the help they need.
- Voting is private and personal.

Each precinct must have voting machines that are accessible for people with disabilities.

The Help America Vote Act (HAVA) says that voting systems used in elections for federal office must *“be accessible for individuals with disabilities, including nonvisual accessibility for the blind and visually impaired, in a manner that provides the same opportunity for access and participation (including privacy and independence) as for other voters.”* HAVA section 301 (a)(3)(A).

This same Act says that states can comply with this rule *“through the use of at least one direct recording electronic voting system or other voting system equipped for individuals with disabilities at each polling place.”* HAVA section 301(a)(3)(B).

Some HAVA rules are now state law in Ohio. See R.C.3506.19.

For more information on HAVA visit www.fec.gov/hava/hava.htm.

OHIO LAW

According to the Ohio Revised Code:

- Voting locations must be free of barriers to enter and exit. Nothing should block the entrance or exit.
- Voting locations must have ramps, wide doors and accessible parking. See R.C. 3501.29.

To review the Ohio Revised Code visit codes.ohio.gov.

ALTERNATIVE WAYS TO VOTE

CURBSIDE VOTING

At any polling place that is exempt from the accessibility requirements, if you have a disability and are unable to enter the polling place, you can vote curbside.

Two voting officers from different political parties will bring a ballot to you. You can sit in

