VOTING RIGHTS FOR OHIOANS WITH DISABILITIES: VISUAL AID



INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE. THIS DOCUMENT IS DESIGNED TO ASSIST INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY NEED ADDITIONAL VISUAL SUPPORTS TO HELP THEM UNDERSTAND THEIR RIGHT AND THE STEPS TO VOTE.

IF I HAVE A DISABILITY, CAN I VOTE?

Yes, you can vote!

If you're at least 18 years old and a U.S. citizen, you have the right to vote.

- If you have a guardian, you can still vote.
- If you cannot read or write, you can still vote.
- If you cannot leave a hospital, nursing home, or your house you can still vote.

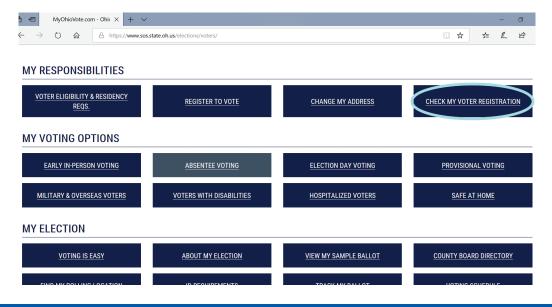
The only time you may not be able to vote is if a judge in probate court decided that you do not have the "capacity" to vote. "Capacity" refers to the ability to understand voting information.

CAN I VOTE IF I HAVE A DISABILITY AND HAVE BEEN ARRESTED OR CONVICTED OF A CRIME?

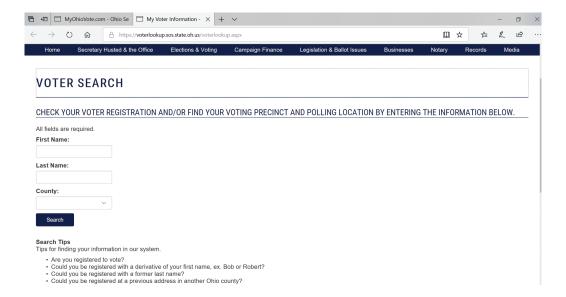
- If you have been convicted of a misdemeanor, you have the right to vote.
- If you have been arrested for a felony but not convicted, you can still vote.
- If you are on parole or probation for a felony that did not involve jail time, you can vote.

HOW DO I SIGN UP OR "REGISTER" TO VOTE?

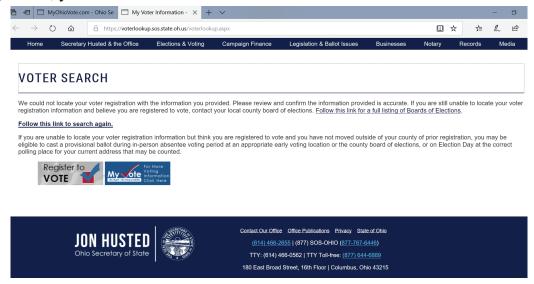
If you do <u>not</u> know if you are registered to vote, go to <u>www.myohiovote.com</u>. Once you are on the website, CLICK [Check My Voter Registration].



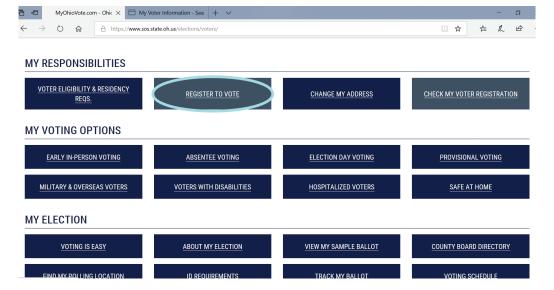
Enter your first and last name in the boxes. Then select your county. If you are registered your name and address will pop up after you CLICK [Search].



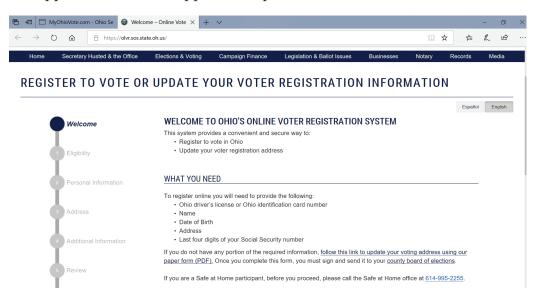
If you are <u>not</u> registered, you will see this screen:



If you are <u>not</u> registered to vote, CLICK [Register to Vote].



The screen below will appear to start the application process:



You can register online, print a registration form, or request a hard copy be mailed to you.

DO I HAVE TO SHOW MY ID WHEN I VOTE?

Yes, you must show an ID that has your name and address.

Your ID does **not** need to have your photo.

Forms of ID: An Ohio driver's license; a state ID; a current utility bill; a cell phone bill; a bank statement; a government check or a government assistance letter that has your name and address.

WHAT IF I NEED HELP AT THE POLLS?

You can get help voting. You can bring a family member, close friend, or support staff into the voting booth if you need help to vote because of your disability.

You can ask for help from the poll workers where you vote.

You cannot bring your employer, an agent of your employer or candidate whose name appears on the ballot.



Accommodations can be asked for at any time while you are voting. To request real-time captioning, ASL interpreter, material in large print, or other accommodations, please contact your local Board of Elections. Provide at least 72 hours (3 days) advance notice so they are available for you to use.

ALL VOTING PLACES MUST BE ACCESSIBLE, UNLESS AN EXEMPTION WAS GRANTED.

If you are unable to physically get into the building you can vote curbside. Two poll workers will assist you at your car in the polling place designated **curbside voting** area.

When you arrive in the building and have signed in, you may go to complete your ballot. You may ask to use the ADA-compliant voting machine.

Once you complete your ballot, you will put it in the ballot box or you may be told to scan your ballot into a locked box.

CAN I VOTE ABSENTEE?

Voting absentee means you can vote from your home, hospital or nursing home and mail in your ballot.

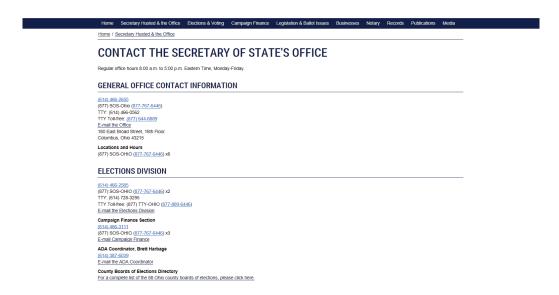
For persons with accessibility concerns, sensory issues and communication challenges, this may be an easier option than going to the voting polls on Election Day.

Once you complete your absentee ballot, put it in any United States Postal Service (USPS) mailbox for pick up. The absentee ballot is ready to be sent and does not need a stamp.

Go to www.myohiovote.com and CLICK [Absentee Voting] for instructions.



FOR HELP OR MORE INFORMATION:



- Call the Ohio Secretary of State's office at 877-SOS-OHIO (877-767-6446) or go to www.myohiovote.com. Email options are listed on the website.
- If you feel your right to vote has been denied, contact the ACLU of Ohio at 614-586-1959 or contact@acluohio.org.
- If you feel that you have been discriminated against while trying to vote because of your disability, contact Disability Rights Ohio at 614-728-2553 or 800-858-3542 (TTY). Or go to http://www.disabilityrightsohio.org/contact for email options.