

Disability Vote Matters

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Voting matters! Let your voice be heard!

Your Right to Accessible
Polling Places

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Your Right to Accessibility

The Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act has required since 1984 “that all polling places for Federal elections are accessible to handicapped and elderly voters.”

In 1990, Congress passed the Americans with Disabilities Act. The A.D.A. requires that any time a new site (like a polling place) is selected, it must be an accessible site. 28 C.F.R. §42.503(b)(4).

Since 1992, Pennsylvania law has required polling places to be accessible for all State elections.

The Problem:
Twenty years later, Pennsylvania still has over 1,500 inaccessible polling places!



If your polling place is inaccessible:

And, you have a disability, or you're 65 or older, then you may cast either:

- an **Absentee Ballot**; or
- an **Alternative Ballot** (longer deadlines than Absentee Ballots)

Apply for these ballots at your County Election Office. For help locating your county office, call 1-877-VOTES-PA, (1-877-868-3772), or go to www.VotesPa.com.

Absentee Ballot	Alternative Ballot
Deadline to apply:	
one week before Election Day	8:00 p.m. on Election Day
Deadline to be received by:	
5:00 p.m., Friday before Election Day	8:00 p.m. on Election Day

Return your ballot to the County Election Office in person or by U.S. Mail. An Alternative Ballot may be returned by another adult if he has your written permission.

No More Delays! 20 Years is long enough!

After Election Day, work with your County Election Office to make all polling places accessible.

- ⇒ Help them out by finding some alternate accessible locations.
- ⇒ Write to your county officials and, also:

Pedro A. Cortés,
 Secretary of the Commonwealth
 302 North Office Building
 Harrisburg, PA 17120

- ⇒ If that doesn't work, please call us at 1-800-692-7443.

VOTING IS YOUR RIGHT!



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