

YOU CAN MAKE A
DIFFERENCE!!



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What is it like to vote?

Where you actually go vote in person is called a polling place. It will be in your community and is usually a place everyone is familiar with, like a school or a church. You go in, check in with the poll worker at the table, then go up to the machine and follow the directions. There are poll-workers there to assist you if you need help, assistance, or an accommodation. You have the right to take someone to assist you if you want, just let the poll worker know. It's not scary and it makes you feel proud to take part and be included in your community!



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DISABILITY RIGHTS MISSISSIPPI
IS HERE TO HELP ENSURE YOUR
RIGHT TO VOTE PRIVATELY,
INDEPENDENTLY. AND BARRIER
FREE. IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU
KNOW HAS HAD PROBLEMS
REGISTERING OR CASTING A VOTE,
WE WANT TO KNOW! HELP MAKE
YOUR COMMUNITY STRONGER!

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Does my vote really matter?

Your vote is your voice. It tells elected officials how you feel about access to healthcare, services and other important issues. In every election year, some races are decided by just a handful of votes. Also, you making your voice heard in and for your community is one of the first steps to being included in your community. And we all want more inclusive communities in Mississippi!

"The most important political office is that of the private citizen." ~Louis Brandeis

VOTING
QUESTIONS
AND
ANSWERS

**KNOW YOUR RIGHTS AND
BECOME INVOLVED! TAKE PART
IN YOUR CIVIC LIFE!**

"Vote as if your life depends upon it. Because it does." - Justin Dart

WHO CAN VOTE IN MS?

- Must be a **citizen** of the United States of America.
- Must have lived in Mississippi and in the county **30 days** before the election in which you want to vote.
- Must be **18** years old by the time of the election in which you want to vote.
- Have **not** been convicted of murder, rape, bribery, theft, arson, obtaining money or goods under false pretense, perjury, forgery, embezzlement, or bigamy.
- Have **not** been ruled mentally incompetent by a court of law. *Having a guardian doesn't always mean that you can not vote!

IF YOU ARE DENIED THE RIGHT TO VOTE, THEN YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO CAST A PROVISIONAL BALLOT.

YOU SHOULD VOTE BECAUSE YOU CAN!

Voting is a gift. The Help America Vote Act (HAVA) was enacted to help ensure you have appropriate access to the ballot! Voting is a right that many Americans have given their lives for. Voting is your civil right!

WHAT ARE THE STEPS TO VOTING?

Step 1: Register to vote.

Step 2: Find out where your polling place is.

Step 3: Educate yourself about the candidates.

Step 4: Mark your calendar for upcoming election days.

Step 5: Plan ahead of time for transportation, and for a friend or family member to go with you if you will need assistance.

Step 6: Get Out and

Go Vote!!

HOW DO YOU REGISTER TO VOTE?

You can call or visit your county Circuit Clerk's Office & ask them for an application, Or call our office at 1-800-772-4057 & we will mail an application to you. Also, you can register to vote or change your address if you have moved, when you are at any office from which you are receiving public assistance or disability benefits.

In MS we have curbside voting! If you can not physically make it inside the polling place then have someone go inside for you and let a poll-worker know that you need to use the curbside voting procedure.

You can find out where and when to vote by visiting www.sos.state.ms.us or call

1-800-829-6786 for the MS Secretary of State Election Hotline