

Principles for Voting for People with Disabilities

1. People with disabilities have the right to vote independently and privately on secure accessible voting systems.
2. People with disabilities have the right to vote whether they live independently, in group living arrangements or in institutions.
3. People with disabilities under guardianship retain their right to vote unless a court, using the correct legal standard, determines that the person does not have the capacity to vote.
4. People with disabilities under guardianship who have lost their right to vote must know that they have the right to request reinstatement of this right and understand how to make the request.
5. People with disabilities should be free from discriminatory policies and practices that restrict their access to voting.
6. People with disabilities should be free from interference or coercion when exercising their right to vote, including registering to vote and casting their vote.
7. People with disabilities have the right to vote on accessible voting systems that provide assistive technology, alternative formats and other reasonable modifications and accommodations when exercising their right to vote.
8. People with disabilities have the right to full and equal access at polling places and the right to reasonable accommodations and modifications.
9. People with disabilities should have access to nonpartisan information about the voting process, parties, issues and candidates that they can understand and is available in alternative formats.
10. People with disabilities have the right to reasonable modifications in voting policies, practices and procedures in order to exercise their right to vote.