

ACCESS FOR VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES

In South Carolina

If you are a South Carolina citizen with a disability, it's easy to register and vote.

The State Election Commission and county election commissions respect your need for independence in voting and have taken steps to make the process more accessible.

Large print voter registration applications are available at the following website:

- ◉ Visit www.scvotes.org
- ◉ Under **Voters** in the site menu, click on **Voters With Disabilities**
- ◉ Click on **Large Print Voter Registration Application**
- ◉ Most of the application can be completed online
- ◉ The application must be printed, signed, and returned to the county voter registration office
- ◉ Contact information for each office is located at www.scvotes.org

Each county election commission strives to find polling places that are accessible for the voter who is disabled. Polling places have been adapted to provide accessibility. Enhancements include:

- ◉ Wider entrance doors
- ◉ Entrance ramps
- ◉ Curb cuts
- ◉ Railing along the stairs and sidewalks
- ◉ Paved parking
- ◉ Designated disability parking
- ◉ Van accessible parking spaces
- ◉ Sidewalks from the parking spaces to the building entrance

- ◉ Door handles that can be opened with a closed fist
- ◉ Signs to direct the voter to entrances that are accessible

If your polling place is not accessible, contact the county election commission with your suggestions.

The design of the voting machine makes for easy use. Each machine ballot provides:

- ◉ Larger print
- ◉ Touch screen technology
- ◉ 15" full color display
- ◉ Lighter weight for portability to allow for wheelchair use. The voting machine can also be carried to a vehicle for use by voters with disabilities

Every polling place has procedures to assist the voter who is disabled.

- ◉ If you have questions about the voting process, a poll manager is available.
- ◉ If you need assistance in marking your ballot, ask the poll manager, and assistance will be provided.
- ◉ If you are deaf, poll managers have instructions specifically designed for you.
- ◉ A voter who is disabled may choose to vote in their vehicle. Many polling places have a call system at a disabled parking space. This call system notifies the poll managers of your arrival. For polling places without a call system, a poll manager will monitor the disabled parking area to look for voters needing assistance.

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More voting disability information is available on the website www.scvotes.org. This site includes videos about:

- ◉ Accessibility of polling places
- ◉ The voting process for voters who are deaf or hard of hearing



Each precinct offers an ADA compliant voting machine featuring an audio ballot, headphones and Braille-embossed buttons.



For more voter registration and election information, contact your county Board of Voter Registration or visit: www.scvotes.org.

Ask your county Board of Voter Registration for literature on any of the following topics:

- ◉ Voting in South Carolina
- ◉ Voter Registration in South Carolina
- ◉ Absentee Voting in South Carolina
- ◉ 1-2-3 Vote How to Use South Carolinas Voting System



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