



## Guardianship and Voting

Voting laws for people with intellectual disabilities and/or guardians are different in each state. Find out the rules about voting where you live. If you don't have the right to vote or are unsure if you have right to vote, connect with your state's Protection and Advocacy Agency to help you get that right. See the end of this document for additional resources.\*

State	Can I vote if I have an intellectual disability?	Can I vote if I have a guardian?	How can I get more information to better understand my right to vote?
Alabama	Yes	Sometimes. It depends what kind of guardian you have.	<a href="https://adap.ua.edu">https://adap.ua.edu</a>
Alaska	Yes	Yes, unless a judge says you cannot vote.	<a href="http://dlcak.org/">http://dlcak.org/</a>
Arizona	Yes	No. But you can go to a judge to get your right to vote back! Ask your P&A for help.	<a href="https://www.azdisabilitylaw.org">https://www.azdisabilitylaw.org</a>
Arkansas	Yes	Check with your P&A. The Arkansas P&A is called Disability Rights Arkansas.	<a href="http://disabilityrightsar.org/">http://disabilityrightsar.org/</a>
California	Yes, unless a judge says you cannot vote.	Yes, unless a judge says you cannot vote.	<a href="http://disabilityrightscalifornia.org/">http://disabilityrightscalifornia.org/</a>
Colorado	Yes, unless a judge says you cannot vote.	Yes	<a href="http://disabilitylawco.org/">http://disabilitylawco.org/</a>
Connecticut	Yes	Yes, but your guardian needs to file a form to ask the judge if you can vote.	<a href="http://disrightsct.org/">http://disrightsct.org/</a>
Delaware	Yes	It depends. The judge decides when you get your guardian.	<a href="http://declasi.org/">http://declasi.org/</a>
Florida	Yes	Yes, unless a judge says you cannot vote.	<a href="http://%20disabilityrightsflorida.org">http://%20disabilityrightsflorida.org</a>
Georgia	Yes	Yes, unless a judge says you cannot vote.	<a href="http://thegao.org/">http://thegao.org/</a>
Hawaii	Yes	Yes, unless a judge says you cannot vote.	<a href="http://hawaiidisabilityrights.org/">http://hawaiidisabilityrights.org/</a>

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Idaho	Yes	Yes, unless a judge says you cannot vote.	<a href="http://disabilityrightsidaho.org/">http://disabilityrightsidaho.org/</a>
Illinois	Yes	Yes	<a href="http://equipforequality.org/">http://equipforequality.org/</a>
Indiana	Yes	Yes	<a href="http://in.gov/idr">http://in.gov/idr</a>
Iowa	Yes	Yes, unless a judge says you cannot vote.	<a href="http://disabilityrightsiowa.org/">http://disabilityrightsiowa.org/</a>
Kansas	Yes	Yes	<a href="http://drckansas.org/">http://drckansas.org/</a>
Kentucky	Yes	Yes, unless a judge says you cannot vote.	<a href="http://www.kypa.net/">http://www.kypa.net/</a>
Louisiana	Yes	No	<a href="http://advocacyla.org/">http://advocacyla.org/</a>
Maine	Yes	Yes, unless a judge says you cannot vote.	<a href="http://drme.org/">http://drme.org/</a>
Maryland	Yes	Yes, unless a judge says you cannot vote.	<a href="http://disabilityrightsmd.org%20">http://disabilityrightsmd.org%20</a>
Massachusetts	Yes	Yes, unless a judge says you cannot vote.	<a href="http://dlc-ma.org/">http://dlc-ma.org/</a>
Michigan	Yes	Yes	<a href="http://mpas.org/contact-mpas">http://mpas.org/contact-mpas</a>
Minnesota	Yes	Yes, unless a judge says you cannot vote.	<a href="https://mylegalaid.org/">https://mylegalaid.org/</a>
Mississippi	No	Yes	<a href="http://drms.ms/">http://drms.ms/</a>
Missouri	Yes	No	<a href="http://moadvocacy.org/">http://moadvocacy.org/</a>
Montana	Yes	Yes, unless the guardianship order says you cannot vote.	<a href="http://disabilityrightsmt.org/">http://disabilityrightsmt.org/</a>
Nebraska	Yes	Yes, unless a judge says you cannot vote.	<a href="http://disabilityrightsnebraska.org/">http://disabilityrightsnebraska.org/</a>
Nevada	Yes	Yes, unless a judge says you cannot vote.	<a href="http://ndalc.org/">http://ndalc.org/</a>

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New Hampshire	Yes	Yes	<a href="http://drcnh.org/">http://drcnh.org/</a>
New Jersey	Yes	Yes, unless a judge says you cannot vote.	<a href="http://drnj.org/">http://drnj.org/</a>
New Mexico	Yes	Yes, unless a judge says you cannot vote.	<a href="http://drnm.org/">http://drnm.org/</a>
New York	Yes	Yes, unless a judge says you cannot vote.	<a href="http://drny.org/">http://drny.org/</a>
North Carolina	Yes	Yes	<a href="http://disabilityrightsncc.org/">http://disabilityrightsncc.org/</a>
North Dakota	Yes	Yes, unless a judge says you cannot vote.	<a href="http://ndpanda.org/">http://ndpanda.org/</a>
Ohio	Yes	Yes, unless a judge says you cannot vote.	<a href="http://disabilityrightsohio.org%20">http://disabilityrightsohio.org%20</a>
Oklahoma	Yes	Yes, unless a judge says you can't vote. But in Oklahoma, a judge usually doesn't let people with guardians vote.	<a href="http://okdlc.org/">http://okdlc.org/</a>
Oregon	Yes	Yes, unless a judge says you cannot vote.	<a href="http://droregon.org%20">http://droregon.org%20</a>
Pennsylvania	Yes	Yes	<a href="http://disabilityrightspa.org%20">http://disabilityrightspa.org%20</a>
Rhode Island	Yes, unless a judge says you cannot vote.	Yes, unless a judge says you cannot vote.	<a href="http://ridlc.org/">http://ridlc.org/</a>
South Carolina	Yes	No	<a href="http://pandasc.org/">http://pandasc.org/</a>
South Dakota	Yes, unless a judge says you cannot vote.	Yes, unless a judge says you cannot vote.	<a href="http://drsdlaw.org/">http://drsdlaw.org/</a>
Tennessee	Yes, unless a judge says you cannot vote.	No	<a href="http://disabilityrightstn.org/">http://disabilityrightstn.org/</a>
Texas	Yes	Yes, unless a judge says you cannot vote.	<a href="http://disabilityrightstx.org/">http://disabilityrightstx.org/</a>
Utah	Yes	No	<a href="http://disabilitylawcenter.org%20">http://disabilitylawcenter.org%20</a>

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Vermont	Yes	Yes	<a href="http://disabilityrightsvt.org/">http://disabilityrightsvt.org/</a>
Virginia	Yes	No	<a href="http://dlcv.org%20">http://dlcv.org%20</a>
Washington	Yes, unless a judge says you cannot vote.	Yes, unless a judge says you cannot vote.	<a href="http://disabilityrightswa.org/">http://disabilityrightswa.org/</a>
West Virginia	Yes	No	<a href="http://drofwv.org/">http://drofwv.org/</a>
Wisconsin	Yes, unless a judge says you cannot vote.	No, unless a a judge says you can vote	<a href="http://disabilityrightswi.org/">http://disabilityrightswi.org/</a>
Wyoming	Yes	Yes, unless a judge says you cannot vote.	<a href="http://wypanda.com/">http://wypanda.com/</a>
District of Columbia	Yes	Yes, unless a judge says you cannot vote.	<a href="http://uls-dc.org/">http://uls-dc.org/</a>

**\*Additional Resources:**

- [AAPD RevUp](#): Register to vote in a few easy steps with the American Association of People with Disabilities.
- [2020 Voter Registration Deadlines](#): Check this chart from AUCD for your state’s voter registration deadline.
- [VoteRiders](#): check what ID documents are needed for voting in your state and call the Voter ID Helpline if needed at (844)-338-8743.
- [Your Vote Counts: A Self Advocate’s Guide to Voting in the U.S.](#): a guide to voting rights published by the Autism Self-Advocacy Network
  - [Plain Language version](#)
  - [Easy Read version](#)