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April 4th Election Update for Mental Health Task Force – March 14, 2023

Help Support People with Disabilities and Older Adults to Vote in the April 4th Spring Election

April 4th is a very important election in Wisconsin. Many people with mental health needs and other disabilities and older adults experience barriers to voting. The Disability Vote Coalition can help you to support community members with the information needed to register to vote, cast a ballot, and understand voting rights and accommodations.

- Have a voting question? Contact the DRW Voter Hotline at 844-347-8683 or info@disabilityvote.org
- Want to order voting materials or schedule a training? Contact the Hotline!
- Need information about voter registration, photo ID, or ballot return assistance? Our Voter Toolkit for the 2023 Elections has what you need: [Voter Toolkit – 2023 Elections](#).

What's on the Ballot?

In the Spring Election, Wisconsinites will vote for a State Supreme Court Justice who will serve for ten years and rule on cases that our rights and liberties. The new Justice may be a "swing" vote as many cases are decided on a 3-4 vote.

Also on the ballot: two questions for an amendment to the Wisconsin Constitution regarding setting bail for some people accused of crimes, and an Advisory Referendum about work requirements for people who receive welfare benefits.

We encourage voters to study these proposals in advance. Changing our State Constitution is a big deal and should be approached with care and deliberation. Remember: there is no requirement to vote for something you are unsure about.

View your ballot and these proposals at [My Vote Wisconsin](#).

A good place to learn more about these proposals is the [Ballotpedia](#) website.

- Enter your voting address to view information about these proposals. https://ballotpedia.org/Wisconsin_2023_ballot_measures

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Spring Election Lunch and Learn – March 20th

Join us on March 20th at noon on Zoom to prepare for the April 4th election. Learn about what's on the ballot, important deadline, tips for absentee and in-person voting, and your voting rights! **Registration is required.**

- [Register here for the March 20th Zoom Lunch and Learn.](#)

April 4th Spring Election – Important dates

Plan ahead! Here are important deadlines for the April 4th election.

- Voting by mail? Request your absentee ballot as soon as possible to allow time for it to be mailed to you and returned. Registered voters may request an absentee ballot at: My Vote Wisconsin: <https://myvote.wi.gov/>
- March 7: Last day to begin acquiring residence to vote in Spring Primary. Voters moving after this date may vote from their prior address.
- March 14: Clerks mail absentee ballots to voters with valid requests on file.
- March 15: Deadline to register to vote by mail or online in the Spring Primary. After this date, voters must register in-person in the municipal clerk's office or at their polling place.
- March 21: In-person early voting can begin.
- March 30: Absentee ballot request deadline for regular and overseas voters.
- March 31: Last day to register to vote in the clerk's office or other designated location before Election Day.
- April 4 – Election Day. Polls are open from 7 AM – 8 PM

Know Your Rights

People with disabilities have the right to have an equal opportunity to vote, and to access disability related accommodations, if needed. Some of the most widely used accommodations are curbside voting, receiving assistance with marking a ballot, and use of accessible voting machines. See our fact sheet and video:

- [View English Voting Rights fact sheet here \(accessible pdf\).](#)
- [View Spanish Voting Rights fact sheet here \(accessible pdf\).](#)
- [Know Your Rights](#) video

Ballot Return Assistance for Disabled Voters

As affirmed by a federal court in August 2022, any Wisconsin voter who requires assistance with mailing or delivering their absentee ballot to the municipal clerk because of a disability must be permitted to receive such assistance by a person of the voter's choice, other than the voter's employer or agent of that employer or officer or agent of the voter's union.

Some disabled voters have experienced barriers. If your right to assistance is denied or challenged, please contact DRW at 844-347-8683.

- [Guidance on Absentee Ballot Return Options Under the Federal Voting Rights Act | Wisconsin Elections Commission](#)

Guardianship and Voting Rights. In Wisconsin, a person under guardianship retains the right to vote unless the court expressly removes it. If an individual is under guardianship and unsure of their right to vote, the Court’s decision regarding the right to vote is recorded on a court form called “A Determination and Order on Petition for Guardianship Due to Incompetency.” A person who has a guardian and has lost the right to vote may petition the court to restore their right to vote

- [Competency, Guardianship and Voting in Wisconsin](#).
- [Competency, Guardianship and Voting in Wisconsin - Spanish](#)
- [Guardianship and Voting Resources - Disability Rights Wisconsin](#)

Act today to order our free 2023 election postcards and posters.

They provide the election date and important phone numbers and websites to contact for help. To place your order, complete our survey:

- Order [2023 Elections Postcards - Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition](#)
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Help with Voting Questions

- Disability Rights Wisconsin Voter Hotline: 1-844-347-8683 / 1-844-DIS-VOTE or email us at info@disabilityvote.org
- Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition website - <https://disabilityvote.org/>
- Your municipal clerk: myvote.wi.gov/en-US/MyMunicipalClerk
- Wisconsin Elections Commission: 866-VOTE-WIS/868-3944 (staffed Mon – Fri from 7:45 AM – 4:30 PM/ longer hours on Election Day)
 - Email: elections@wi.gov Website: <https://elections.wi.gov/>
- DMV Voter ID Hotline: (844) 588-1069. Apply for a free Photo ID for voting at the [Wisconsin Division of Motor Vehicles](#) (DMV).