WHERE DO YOU VOTE?

The County Clerk will have a list of polling places where you go to vote. Contact your local county clerk to find your polling place. Or you can find your polling place by going to: <u>http://soswy.state.wy.us/Elections/</u> <u>PollPlace/Default.aspx</u> — this is the "Polling Place Locator" provided by the Wyoming Secretary of State.



If you are trying to vote and you believe your rights are being denied, please follow these steps to troubleshoot your problem at the polls:

- 1. Ask to **speak to the clerk.** The clerk is in charge of the polling place.
- 2. If you are unable to resolve the matter with the clerk, ask the clerk to call the **County Board of Voter Registration and Elections**.
- 3. If the matter is still not resolved, ask the clerk to call the State **Election Commission**.
- 4. Contact, email or call **P&A**.



To ask questions or seek additional assistance to resolve an issue:



Wyoming Secretary of State, Elections Division, 2020 Carey Avenue, Suite 600 Cheyenne, WY 82002-0020 | Tel: (307) 777-5860 | Fax: (307) 777-7640 | Email: <u>Elections@wyo.gov</u>.



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WYOMING VOTING GUIDE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES





MISSION STATEMENT

Establish, expand, protect, and enforce the human and civil rights of persons with disabilities through administrative, legal, and other appropriate remedies.



Do You Know Your Rights?

This brochure aims to provide information about **YOUR** rights to vote even if you have a physical or mental disability. Research has found that many persons with disabilities are not aware of their rights to vote.

The 26th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution prohibits the states and the federal government from using age as a reason for denying the right to vote to citizens of the United States who are at least eighteen years old. The Wyoming Constitution does, however, provide that you must be lawfully registered (Art. 6, Sec. 12). There are other Federal laws including the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA), and others, which provide protections to **YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE!**

You Have a Right to Vote if ...

You are:

- U.S. citizen
- 18 years old or older
- Resident of Wyoming
- Not a convicted felon *
- Not currently adjudicated "mentally incompetent"

(W.S. § 22-3-102)



PERSONS MAY REGISTER TO VOTE NOT LESS THAN 14 DAYS **BEFORE AN ELECTION**

- An applicant may only register to vote in person or by mail and shall provide the information required for the oath to be made (W.S. § 22-3-104)
- A person may be registered at the poll (W.S. § 22-3-104(f)) – may be given a provisional ballot
- Must notify if residence or address changes (W.S. § 22-3-114)

You must have VALID IDENTIFICATION

Preferred identification is a valid Wyoming driver's license. The second option is an ID card issued by a local, state or federal agency, or a US passport.

Check with your local county clerks office about needed proof of identification as these sometimes are changed by the legislature.

Absentee Voting

In Wyoming, any registered voter may apply for an **absentee ballot** at any time during a calendar year in which the election is held, but not on the day of the election. You can vote an absentee ballot in person in the office of the county clerk or by mail 40 days before an election.

> To request an absentee ballot, contact your Wyoming County Clerk.

Accessible Voting

It's a good idea to visit your polling place before you show up on Election Day to make sure that everything is in place for you to vote or to ask your local County Clerk for assistance.

Title II of the ADA requires state and local governments (public entities) to ensure that persons with disabilities have a full and equal opportunity to vote. Polling places also should have:

- Accessible parking
- Ramps and curb cuts
- Paved parking lots and sidewalks
- Accessible doorways and door handles
- Accessible internal pathways
- Ability to move a voting machine to a table that is accessible for a person using a wheelchair

You have the right to have a service animal with you when you go to yote. Polling places should accommodate service animals. Make sure your service animal is prepared for the physical environment at the polls and the number of people there. Ask the poll workers for assistance if needed.

Some of the accessibility features you may find helpful are:

- Large print voter registration forms.
 Written instructions for people who are deaf or hard of hearing on how to vote.

Voting machines that offer an audio ballot with headset and braille buttons, large fonts, and touch screen. You may bring your own headphones

You are free to bring adaptive equipment such as a signature guide or magnifier with you to the polls. Check with local County Clerk for items, such as electronic devices, that will not be allowed into the voting booth.

You also can bring or request a person to provide assistance at the polling place, but not to vote for you or tell you how to vote.

AN IMPORTANT WORD ABOUT GUARDIANSHIPS. You have the right to vote even if you have a legal guardian, UNLESS your guardianship order reflects that you were determined by a judge to be "mentally incompetent."

* may restore right to vote